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RED LEADERS ARRESTED BY SINGAPORE POLICE

Quiet May Day in Hong Kong

Hong Kong had one of the quietest Labour Days in years yesterday, due to the police ban on the holding of demonstrations.

The day was celebrated with a meeting of labour unions at the Po Hing Theatre, Kowloon. The meeting was, however, of a social character only.

No major violence in Berlin

Berlin, May 1.

More than a million Berliners massed near the East-West boundaries in this nerve centre of the cold war today in rival May Day demonstrations, but calm police action on both sides prevented major violence.

In this shattered city where East meets West across piles of rubble, swirling crowds on each side staged the biggest May Day demonstration in Berlin's history.

Stones flew, and there were some minor fights, but police dispersed the unruly elements in time to prevent rioting.

On the Communist side of the Brandenburg Gate—on Unter Den Linden where Hitler's legions once marched—Berliners once again heard the thunder of marching feet in regimented unison.

The Communists were staging a Moscow-like six-hour parade featuring the newly-trained Soviet Zone police army. It looked like a dress rehearsal for the forthcoming May 25th demonstrations in which some fear the Communists may try to take over all Berlin.

On the other side of the gate, a multitude of at least 500,000 listened to the German police lined up along the sector borders. On the Western side they were backed by thousands of Allied occupation troops alerted for trouble, and guided by reconnaissance planes and helicopters.

Between these two opposing multitudes were thousands of East and West German police lined up along the sector borders. On the Western side they were backed by thousands of Allied occupation troops alerted for trouble, and guided by reconnaissance planes and helicopters.

Police stoned

It was apparent that both police forces were trying to make no day pass without head-on collision or bloodshed.

As the Western rally broke up, police tried to channel the crowds back in an orderly fashion. Several thousand, led by young men, filtered through police lines, and drifted down the East-West sector to Potsdamer Platz, a huge circular area where the British American and Soviet sectors come together.

This has been the scene of many serious collisions.

Some Western demonstrators started along East Zone police who were barring the way to the Soviet sector. West German police immediately called up reserves.

With the aid of loud speakers, trucks and cordons of men, they broke up the building riot. The demonstrators were forced out of stoning distance. East Zone police kept their tempers, and did not try to retaliate.

Several other minor incidents were reported, but there was no bloodshed.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT (9 a.m. HKST) the depression over the Lower Yangtze has deepened slightly, but moved very little. From it a trough extends SEwards across the Leeward, pressure is low over Burma.

Today's forecast: Light SE wind, extensive sea fog dispersing by midday. Some showers early in the morning and later in the day, otherwise partly cloudy.

Yesterday's weather:
Maximum: 84.5 deg. F.
Minimum: 71.5 deg. F.
Sunshine: 8.5 hours.
Rainfall: 1.4 in. (0.35 in. total since 11.30 a.m. on May 1).

Readings at:
10 a.m. 84.5 deg. F.
11 a.m. 84.5 deg. F.
12 noon 84.5 deg. F.
1 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
2 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
3 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
4 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
5 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
6 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
7 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
8 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
9 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
10 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
11 p.m. 84.5 deg. F.
12 midnight 84.5 deg. F.

Grenade thrower believed to be among suspects

ARSON, MURDER PLANS REVEALED

Singapore, May 1.

In an important haul of Communist leaders in Singapore, the police here believed they had arrested the man responsible for the recent grenade-throwing incidents in Singapore.

An official statement issued by the Singapore police said: "Intensive action by Communists in Singapore during the period around May 1 was anticipated by the police, and as a result of counter-measures taken a number of high-ranking members of the Malayan Communist Party in Singapore were arrested last night, and a large number of high grade Communist documents were seized.

Stalin reviews Moscow May Day parade

London, May 1.

Radio Moscow reported that Premier Josef Stalin made one of his rare public appearances at the May Day celebrations in Moscow today. The chiefs of Russia's Army and Navy sounded the keynote of the celebrations in orders of the day, calling on Soviet soldiers, sailors and air force personnel to sharpen their combat skill in manoeuvres planned for the coming summer.

The radio said Stalin mounted the rostrum in Moscow's Red Square just before 10 a.m. to be greeted by a "mass ovation." Other top Government officials followed Stalin to the stand. When the Kremlin clock struck the hour bands massed in the square began playing and the flag-raising demonstration was underway.

Earlier, Radio Moscow broadcast relayed orders of the day.

Flying Trader passengers going to Kobe

An American ship which is evacuating about 400 foreign nationals from Taku, Bar, the ss. Flying Trader, will discharge her passengers at Kobe later this week, or early next week, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Passengers due to come to Hong Kong who are on board the Flying Trader must make travel arrangements upon arrival in Japan.

It is understood that the Transoceanic ship has taken along several hundred canvas night bunks, pillows and blankets to accommodate the passengers.

The ship, which usually accommodates 12 or 16 passengers, will accommodate most of the passengers in the hatches or steerage class.

This arrangement has been made in the past by shipping companies when the main purpose of the trip has been to evacuate as many foreign nationals from China as possible.

Dockers back on the job

London, May 1.

Britain's export drive, held up by the 11-day London dock strike, swung back into stride today with full resumption of work in the port.

Dock officials expected a general return to work throughout dockland of nearly 15,000 dockers, who streamed back to their jobs. They had decided to end the strike at the week-end and after dock chiefs had said that they would sack the men not working today.

Majority job in the docks today was the loading of millions of pounds sterling worth of export cargoes, including cars, trucks, machinery and textiles.

The delay in shipment was estimated to have cost the country several million pounds of export earnings.

Fire destroys Norwegian ship



Wrecked by explosion and gutted by flames, the Norwegian passenger-cargo ship Bosphorus went to its end in the Marmara Sea, near Istanbul, Turkey. Two persons were badly burned, while all other 14 passengers and 31 crewmen escaped.—(AP photo).

Frigate sent to aid British ship held by Nationalists

The Navy last night dispatched the frigate, HMS Mounts Bay (Commander J. H. Unwin) to assist the British merchant vessel, ss. Incharran which was intercepted by a Nationalist gunboat outside Hong Kong waters yesterday.

Notices advising ratings of HMS Mounts Bay to return to their ship, were flashed on the screens of local cinemas before the warship left to assist the merchant vessel.

A 4,400-ton vessel, commanded by Captain Lemesevre, the ss. Incharran was on her way to Macao carrying a cargo of rice loaded in Bangkok.

She left the Colony for Macao at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The merchant vessel is reported being escorted to Lapsapmel, a Nationalist-held harbour on Lapsapmel Island near Tai Chan Wan just outside the Colonial territorial waters.

Lapsapmel Island is a Nationalist naval base from where the Nationalist navy is blockading the entrance to the Pearl River.

The official Navy statement said:

"A British ship, Incharran, was proceeding from Hong Kong to Macao when she was intercepted by a Nationalist warship outside the Colonial boundary of Hong Kong and taken to the Nationalist-held harbour of Lapsapmel."

"HMS Mounts Bay (Commander J. H. Unwin) was dispatched to the area."

The Incharran carried a cargo of rice loaded in Bangkok and consigned for Macao."

North West Frontier battle

New Delhi, May 1.

Despatches quoting Kabul Radio said today that four persons were killed and several wounded in a nine-hour shooting, and a bombing clash between Pakistan troops and North West Frontier tribesmen.

The despatches said the battle occurred "recently" near the town of Miranshan on the Afghanistan border where Pakistan forces, it is alleged, attacked tribesmen with 11 bombing planes, eight pieces of artillery and machine-guns.

According to the reports, bombs hit a number of villages wounding a "large number of women and children." The tribesmen it was claimed, despite their inferior weapons succeeded in pushing the Pakistan troops back, inflicting casualties estimated at 75 killed, 12 missing, and 19 wounded.—United Press.

Thailand's King writes songs for Broadway show

New York, May 1.

The 22-year-old King of Thailand has written six songs for a new Broadway revue, the "New York Times" says.

The newspaper said King Phumphon Aduldet had composed "Blue Night" and a medley of five other songs to be featured in producer Michael Todd's "Peep Show."

The King stipulated that royalties from the songs go to the Royal Thai Relief Committee, the "Times" said.

A Thai newspaper described King Phumphon as "a handsome, beaming, but serious" man, and said he was "a very good writer."

He is "a very good writer," he said.—Associated Press.

Reds spurn U.S. relief offers

San Francisco, May 1.

China's Communists today ruled out the idea of American aid for their famine stricken land. They charged that relief offers cloak a desire "to conduct subversive activities" among the Chinese.

The Red stand was voiced by Liu Shao-chi, considered by many foreign observers the No. 2 Chinese Communist and the most pro-Russian leader in the Peking Government. His title is Vice-Chairman of the Central People's Government Council.

A Peking radio broadcast monitored here quoted Liu as saying in an address to key workers in the Red capital:

"Having helped Chiang Kai-shek to kill several millions of Chinese people, American imperialists suddenly became philanthropists and said they would come here to relieve peoples in affected areas."

"The purpose of their so-called relief is that they want to conduct subversive activities among people of affected areas in China."

"We do not need their people to come to conduct subversive activities."

Surplus wheat

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said on April 5 the State Department was considering sending surplus wheat and other commodities to help China's famine areas. He indicated if aid were sent it probably would be through private organizations because of the U.S. Government's difficulty with the Chinese Red Government.

Liu told his audience "We can certainly say the food supply situation this year is assured by the efforts of the Red Government and the Chinese themselves. He added: "This year's food shortage period will certainly be passed through without an iota of grain from foreign countries."

In a lengthy review of conditions in Red China, Liu admitted there are political, financial and economic difficulties. He called for a "tightening up all along the line" with increased attention to eradication of Nationalist sympathizers, unemployment, food production and "shortcomings and errors in the work of many of our comrades."—Associated Press.

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General Gordon passengers undergo close examination

(By Blake Garhart)

Floods in East River region

Floods in the East River region of Kwangtung province have paralyzed land communications with Wai-chow, County, North East of Hong Kong.

Vernacular Press reports from Canton yesterday said that the only land route on which buses are continuing to ply is the one between Wai-chow and Cheung-muklau, Kowloon. Canton railway town across the New Territories border.

The highways linking Wai-chow with Hui-fung County, Swatow, Shun-chang and Tamahui, are reported to have been submerged.

The bus services along these routes have been suspended since April 26.

Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club, closed meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle PT, Boxing, Ju Jitsu, 8 p.m.; whilst drive, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10.15 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.
Cheong Services Club, whilst drive, 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, tea party for members to meet Committee, Gloucester Bldg., 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
YWCA lecture on "Chinese Handicrafts", Duddell Street, Union Jack Club, Dancing Class, 8.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
Union Jack Club, whilst drive, 7.45 p.m.
Toe H Club, meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 9.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 7 to 8 p.m., film show.
THURSDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of HK, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whilst Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Engineering Society of Hong Kong, annual dinner, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Sino-British Club Music Group, Concert at St. Stephen's Girls College, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Photography Classes, 8 p.m.; Tombola 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Dance, 8 p.m.

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED

Latest donation to the Kowloon Union Church Organ Reconstruction Fund is HK\$50 from Mrs. Hutchingson.

Further contributions may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R.H.P. Dart, European YMCA, Salisbury Road, Kowloon.

FRESH FISH PRICES

From fish average prices realized at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Second quality	Third quality
White Pomfret (large)	\$2.15	\$1.35
White Pomfret (small)	1.50	1.00
Mango Sole (large)	1.10	.85
Mango Sole (small)	.85	.65
Head Green	1.00	.80
Copper Pike	1.10	.90
White Herring	1.40	1.20
White Croaker	.75	.75
Half-Zell	.50	.45

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THE EVERGREEN

The Evergreen is a new and improved version of the old Evergreen. It is a new and improved version of the old Evergreen. It is a new and improved version of the old Evergreen.

Aboard the General Gordon, April 30. More than 700 foreign evacuees sailed today aboard this luxury liner after nearly a year under Communist rule during which they saw the once great city of Shanghai wither and all but die industrially.

This big white former troop transport sailed from Taku Bar off the North China port of Tientsin after nearly 20 hours of delay caused by bad weather and Communist red tape.

Most of the evacuees, including 154 Americans, were from Shanghai, a city that is staggering under Communist taxation, industrial depression and the Nationalist blockade.

Many of the evacuees hated the blockade as much as the Communists and blamed it, instead of the Communist red tape, for their delay in leaving Communist China. They blamed it, too, for the death of their once thriving business with losses in millions of dollars.

Communist levies made heavy inroads into private capital, and few businessmen could stand the burden as their factories were closed for lack of raw materials, and thousands of workers became unemployed.

Some businessmen cabled their Governments that the Communist insistence that they continue to pay constantly increasing salaries based on inflationary prices was the chief cause of their economic plight.

The final departure of the evacuees was delayed by the painstaking Communist inspection of their papers, luggage and their persons—a search repeated many times during their two and a half day trip to Tientsin from Shanghai.

AUCTION OF CROWN LAND

An area of Crown land, measuring 1,200 square feet, at Tung Choi Street, Kowloon, was sold by public auction at the Public Works Department yesterday at three times the upset price after brisk bidding.

The upset price was HK\$9,600, or \$8 a square foot. The land was eventually sold for \$25,200 to Mr. Chung Lau, of 740 Nathan Road, first floor, Kowloon.

Known as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 669, the land is for the erection of tenement houses, and one of the conditions of sale is that the purchaser, within 12 months after sale, must erect one or more permanent buildings on it of a rateable value of not less than HK\$40,000.

Another condition is that the land may not be sold or mortgaged until after the buildings thereon have been completed.

The annual Crown Rent is HK\$56.

BIF delegation leaving today

Hong Kong's British Industries Federation delegation to the United Kingdom, including Mr. W. P. Montgomerie, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, Mr. Ngai Shiu-ki, representing the Chinese Manufacturers Union, Mr. K. C. Tam, representing the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wong Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Man-kei, Miss Rosalind Ching, and Mr. Cheung Chiu, will leave for the United Kingdom by BOAC today.

Already in London are Mr. Cedric Blaker, of Gilman and Co., Ltd., and Mr. A. Barnett, who will be the official representatives of the Hong Kong Government, and Mr. J. B. Kille of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

The party will be greeted en route by local Press representatives and officials, and the arrangements for their reception on the journey have been specially made by Far Eastern officials of the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

The party will be met in London by Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the London Office of the Hong Kong Government.

QUEEN JULIANA'S BIRTHDAY

Yesterday was the birthday of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. The Consulate-General of the Netherlands held a luncheon reception to mark the occasion, at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

The Governor and Lady Grantham, leading officials of the Government, members of the Consular Body, the Dutch community, and notable figures in the financial and commercial world, including Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouson Chow, were among the large party at the function.

The toast of Her Majesty's health was proposed by the Governor, and the Netherlands Consul-General, in turn proposed the health of King George VI.

The General Register Office for Births and Deaths has been moved to the second floor of the Department of Public Health Building.

Frequent checks

The officials, totalling 93 with their families, have been trying to leave China since January when the State Department ordered them to close their offices.

There are also more than 200 "Stateless" Jewish refugees aboard sponsored by the International Refugee Organisation.

Before the evacuees reached the long sought haven of the American-flagged General they were scrutinized at every stop.

They underwent as much surveillance as any Western traveller ever underwent in Russia's Eastern European satellite countries.

Despite the frequency of the checks they appeared to be no more than a light routine check on all foreigners carried out in China by the Communists. However, no Russian inspectors were seen. Our documents were examined from 10 to 15 times. The customs officers and police went through our baggage at least six times.

The Communists also carried out thorough body searches, thorough but not severe. Our journey to Tientsin from Shanghai once would have taken a day but we travelled by bagged air trains for 56 hours under warlike conditions.

U.S. blamed

Some evacuees have been trying to leave for as much as six months and many blamed the Nationalists and their blockade for their plight. Their biggest headache came last month when an evacuation attempt by the General Gordon failed.

The Communists refused to let the evacuees travel down the Yangtze aboard American landing craft to join the Gordon off the shore, objecting to the "naval status" of the vessels.

Many shipping officials in Shanghai blamed the American Government for this failure and said the State Department should have realized the Communist toughness on the subject of foreign "war type" vessels entering Chinese territorial waters. Many of the evacuees blamed both the British and American Governments for not bringing pressure on the Nationalists to give them safe passage through air and sea blockade.

Shipping officials doubted that the Nationalists have really mined the Yangtze and say that the British and American Governments should have taken this into account—United Press.

A complete passenger list will be released when the General Gordon arrives in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

However, the American Consulate released the following list of American diplomatic and consular personnel who are on board the General Gordon.

Some are identified only by their last name: Walter McConaughy; L. L. Bacon and wife; J. F. Morgan; F. A. Kierman; and wife; J. G. F. Coughlin; G. L. Fenhollow; L. F. Reader; A. L. Turner; S. Chao; F. Hinkle; R. G. Gough; Farnsworth; Sutter; H. V. Orr; Abramson; Colling; Holme; Myers; Huse; Lucas; Manning; Sloan; W. F. D. Gebhart; H. Meyer; Perry; Shroul; Updike; L. C. Lewis; G. S. Louis; W. H. Slubb; G. S. Shaw; J. H. G. Moyer; Capt. J. J. Christensen; Sgt. J. T. Daniels; Sgt. J. T. Fox; Miss Campbell; Maj. M. A. Luck; Sgt. G. Martin; Capt. S. H. Frankel; R. Wood; Lt. D. J. Kitchers; C. E. Traubman; A. G. Elsher; J. M. Chelson; J. Kemp; D. Tobin.

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Mr. Robert Ho Tung (left), Miss Mary Towse (centre), Chief Librarian of the United States Information Service, and Mr. L. Rankin, U. S. Consul General here, are shown at the official opening of the USIS library.—("China Mail" Photo)

American Library opened in HK

A free public reading and reference room with lending service was opened yesterday by the United States Information Service at Edinburgh House.

Called the American Library, it will diffuse information—both cultural and informative—for the benefit of the public of Hong Kong.

The library forms part of the organization of the United States Information Service, designed to spread knowledge of America and things American around the world.

The occasion was celebrated by a cocktail party attended by leading members of the diplomatic corps, Government and the Press.

The library is open from Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Sundays it is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The services include: 1.) Reading room for recent American publications, including books (e.g. philosophy, economics, government, technology, medicine, literature, history, biography, fiction, juveniles).

Magazines (e.g. popular titles, business, professional, and technical journals).

Newspapers (American and local English press).

Pamphlets (from governmental and private sources).

The present collection of approximately 1000 volumes and 180 magazines subscriptions will grow to include 6000 books and about 200 magazines.

2.) Reference service to answer questions. This service will become more efficient when basic reference books, now on order, arrive from the United States.

3.) Lending service as outlined below. Special requests for emergency needs will be given consideration by the Librarian in charge.

4.) Space will be available after library hours for meetings of a cultural and non-partisan nature on application to the Director of the United States Information Service, phone 38138.

The USIS, in a pamphlet issued on the opening of the library, listed these rules which will govern the operation of the free service:

Borrowers card
Issued when application form and guarantor form are completed except that a guarantor will not be required for a person with proper identification as a permanent resident. The guarantor must have a permanent home address and place of business, and not be a member of the applicant's family.

The application of a minor child must be signed by a parent in addition to a guarantor. If the parent is already a member, a guarantor is unnecessary.

Borrowers cards are not transferable. In case of loss of card, borrowing privileges may be suspended for two weeks. If the card is not found in that period, a new one may be issued. However, the borrower continues to be responsible for all material taken out on his original card.

Materials for loan
Until the library collection is more complete, only the following types of materials may be borrowed: fiction, duplicate copies of non-fiction, juvenile books, back issues of technical and professional magazines, and pamphlets. Exceptions to the rule will be considered by the Librarian in charge.

Number of loans
In the beginning a maximum of two items will be lent to one borrower. Only one book of fiction or duplicate non-fiction may be borrowed at one time, until more books are available.

Length of loans
Books may be borrowed for two weeks; other items for one week. Loans may be renewed if returned on time. In case another reader has a request on file, the material cannot be renewed.

Overdue, lost or damaged materials
Readers are urged to return materials promptly on date due. In the event of a late return, a fine of one dollar per day will be charged. In the event of a lost or damaged item, the borrower will be charged the replacement cost of the item.

Committal proceedings

Committal proceedings against three unemployed men, Chan Ming, alias King Tai, Yung Tung and Chubing Chi-fu, charged with armed robbery, possession of arms and wounding with intent to cause bodily harm, began before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

The first and second defendants were charged with robbing Chan Tak and Chau Chun of money and jewellery on February 25 on the staircase of 140 Camp Street. They were also charged with wounding Lo Ku-ku with intent to cause bodily harm on March 4 at the Ting Street.

First defendant faced an additional charge of possession of a revolver and 21 rounds of ammunition.

First defendant with third defendant was further charged with robbing a couple of money and a handbag on the stairs of 120 Castle Peak Road on March 14.

Mr. Y. H. Chan, representing first defendant, Chan Ming, while Inspector A. L. Kaitia conducting the prosecution's case.

Evidence was given by Chau Lin-tai and his wife, Ng Ying-chun, that while they were going up the stairs of 120 Castle Peak Road on the evening of March 14 two men followed them. One of them walked up the stairs ahead of them while the other man, who was identified as the first defendant, trailed behind, and pocketed a revolver in Chau's back. The other man took the woman's handbag.

Chan said that when he lost balance, first defendant thought he was putting up a resistance and that both men began to attack him. He struggled with first defendant and rolled down the stairs and when the police arrived they were still struggling.

Hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

DSD ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Legislative Council will be asked tomorrow, to approve the accounting arrangements proposed for the Department of Supplies and Distribution by the Governor and endorsed by the Colonial Office.

The wording of the resolution to be moved by the Financial Secretary, reads as follows: "Resolved" that this Council approve the accounting arrangements proposed for the Department of Supplies and Distribution in His Excellency the Governor's Despatch No. 48 of March 19 1949, and approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his Despatch No. 229 of September 27, 1949; and that this Council further approve that the limit of \$10,000,000 proposed for the Japanese Trade Suspense Account be increased to \$15,000,000."

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), which is the full name of the United Nations regional organization, was scheduled to hold its sixth session this autumn in Lahore, Pakistan.

But due to United Nations financial arrangements, the date has been advanced and the place altered to Bangkok, which is the permanent home of ECAFE. It is hoped to hold the Seventh Session in Lahore early in 1951. The Pakistan Government's invitation still stands.

Hong Kong will be represented at the sixth session and also on the Committee on Industry and Trade which is holding its second session from May 9 to 16. One of the items of particular interest on the agenda is ways and means of increasing trade with Japan.

The third annual dinner of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday.

Man gaoled for fraud

Sentence of 18 months hard labour was imposed by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday on Chan Po, aged 45, when he pleaded guilty to three charges on larceny by trick.

Detective Sub-Inspector Van said that defendant on April 4, asked Lai Fung, whether he had an identity card issued by the Registration of Persons Department. Lai replied that he had not and defendant said that he could obtain the necessary card for him on payment of a sum of money. Lai gave defendant \$125.

On April 21 defendant went through the same procedure with Lam Shan, who said him \$100.20. On April 27 when defendant obtained a gold ring from Yung Koi, said also \$13 in cash.

The third occasion was on April 27 when defendant obtained a gold ring from Yung Koi, said also \$13 in cash.

CRASH VICTIM BURIED

The funeral of Sergeant J.R. Stephens, of 27 Heavy AA Regiment, took place on Sunday at Happy Valley with military honours.

Sergeant Stephens was killed in an accident on Friday when a commercial truck, out of control, crashed into the "Murphy Road" wall of the Naval Dockyard.

He was riding a motor-cycle at the time and was crushed to death when caught between the wall and the truck.

A fine of \$75 was imposed on Suen Lung-shun, lorry driver, of 385 Castle Peak Road, by Mr. d'Amico at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of carrying passengers on a commercial lorry other than employees.

Defendant was interviewed by Inspector J. H. W. on Sunday when he said that he was carrying passengers on his lorry at the time of the accident.

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NOTICE

It is notified for general information that the General Register Office for Births & Deaths will be situated, on the second floor of the General Post Office Building, as from Monday, 1st May, 1950.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joan K. Wilson are shown after their wedding at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday. The bride is the former Miss Margaret Mary Romedea. — ("China Mail" Photo).

Nationalist planes drop anti-Soviet leaflets on Shanghai

Taipei, May 1.

Nationalist warplanes marked May Day today by a pre-dawn leaflet raid on Shanghai, in which Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin was accused of trying to convert China into a slave state and the Chinese Red leader, Mao Tse-tung, of being his puppet.

An official announcement here said half a million leaflets showered on the once thriving metropolis.

Dropping them during hours of darkness was apparently for the two-fold purpose of minimising possible opposition and making sure the inhabitants would pick up the leaflets with the least possible risk of interference.

The leaflets said: "May Day is the day when Stalin parades his slave labour. This year, for the first time, Stalin celebrates his success in turning our Chinese labourer into a slave worker. The success of Mao Tse-tung is the success of Stalin."

"Mao Tse-tung's mastery over Chinese workers is Stalin's mastery over them." The leaflets said since the so-called workers' state was established 33 years ago, the Soviet dictatorship had stripped workers of their rights and liberties and made them its slaves. Soviet workers, the leaflets continued, had no right to oppose the dictatorship's decrees and no means of appealing against them.

"Now the Soviet worker is rightly controlled, exploited, overworked, underpaid, driven here and there, like beasts. This year is our Chinese labourer's turn."

Working hours

The leaflets alleged the working hours of Chinese labourers on the Red China mainland had been increased without increases in pay.

WEDDING

The wedding of Eric Dudley Manning, engineer, of Room 704, Sunning House, and Miss Elizabeth Cheng, of Room 703, took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office in the presence of Donald S. Gilpatrick and Koon Hing-chang.

Court Brevities

Alleged to have been given \$20 by John H. Wickerson to do an errand, Tsui Mo, aged 20, was said to have tried to run away with the money. He was chased by Wickerson and caught and was charged before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday. Tsui pleaded not guilty and was remanded till Friday.

For allegedly obtaining meals for 15 of his friends and failing to pay for them, Ting Ho-yang, aged 42, a merchant was charged before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central yesterday with obtaining credit by false pretences.

Sub-Inspector Yuen, said that the defendant and 15 others entered the Yee Wo Yuen Restaurant in Ewo Street at 7 p.m. on Saturday and ordered a meal valued at HK\$211.40. After finishing the meal, the prosecution alleged, the defendant told the waiter that he would give a cheque for the amount but the management refused to accept the cheque. The defendant was charged with obtaining credit by false pretences.

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Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Li Wah, unemployed, by Mr. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday for creating a public mischief by giving the police false information.

Inspector P. Lowe told the Court that on April 27 defendant went to the Kowloon City Police Station and told the police that five men were about to commit an armed robbery at a goldsmith's shop at Nga Tsin Long Road.

Among the five men he named was one Kung Kwong, a relative of defendant who had only recently given him a suit of clothing when he was in jail.

For keeping a common gambling house on the 17th floor of the Tai Kwun Hotel, the defendant was fined \$500 by Mr. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday. The premises were raided by Inspector G. Davis early Saturday morning.

\$500 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday. Of the 12 men who were caught gambling in the raid made by Inspector Hemsley, eight were fined \$50 each. Four of the men who pleaded not guilty, saying that they were employees of the restaurant, were cautioned. The money taken in the raid, amounting to \$135, was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box while the cards and gambling gear were confiscated and ordered to be destroyed.

A Chinese member of the crew of the ss. Hai Men was fined \$5,000 or six months' hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday for importing raw opium into the Colony.

Defendant, Wong Hing-fai, aged 23, was also fined \$800 or two months' possession of raw opium under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

The ss. Hai Men arrived in the Colony from Macao on April 28. Defendant was searched and 120 taels of raw opium found in his possession.

W. P. Hobbs, was fined \$150 by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of driving a car without a licence. Defendant was cautioned on another count of obstruction.

It was alleged that Hobbs drove the car and parked it at the corner of Castle Peak Road and Yan Chau Street on Sunday causing an obstruction.



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WHY DID HE DOUBT?

WHY did your partner doubt the opponents' contract? When they have shown sound strength for their several bids, and you hold what would appear to be everything of merit that could be out against them, so far as high cards are concerned, obviously there must be something about his distribution that impelled him to doubt. Your job then is to make the best guess you can as to the nature of his distribution and govern your own defensive play accordingly.

S. H. A. K. 10 8 5 4

D. Q. C. A. J. 9 8 6

S. Q. 5 H. J. 3 D. A. 10 7 4 C. K. 5 4 3

S. J. 8 4 3 H. 7 6 D. 8 6 5 3 2 C. 10 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South West North East

Pass Pass 1 H 1 S

Pass 2 D 3 C 3 S

Pass 4 S Pass Pass

Dbl Redl

West's redouble should have told North if he didn't already realize it, that South had made a very skimpy double and that the defenders would have to utilize their every resource to beat the contract at all. But he didn't act as if he knew that.

North won the heart 7 lead with the K and scored his A to see what South would play. When the latter followed suit, North cashed his club A, on which South put the 2 to discourage him. North decided that must be a singleton, not taking the necessary

moment to note that South probably would have led that suit instead of hearts if it was a loner. So he disastrously returned the club 8 to the Q. East then finessed the spade 10 toward the Q. South covered the 9 with the J and the Q won. The A and K then cleared trumps and East had nothing left to do but lay down his cards to have the contract.

Seeing what he did in the dummy, North should have reckoned that South might have had a trump holding no better than was the case. In that event, the best chance to give South the setting trick with it would have been to lead a third round of hearts, either before or just after taking the club A. If South then had held the J and any intermediate card higher than the dummy's 6, a ruff and over-ruff would have built a sure spade winner for South as the crucial trick to beat the contract. As it was, the 8 would have ruffed that heart, the Q would have topped it and the J never could have been captured.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. Q. 7 6 5 H. 7 5 3 D. K. Q. J. C. 8 2

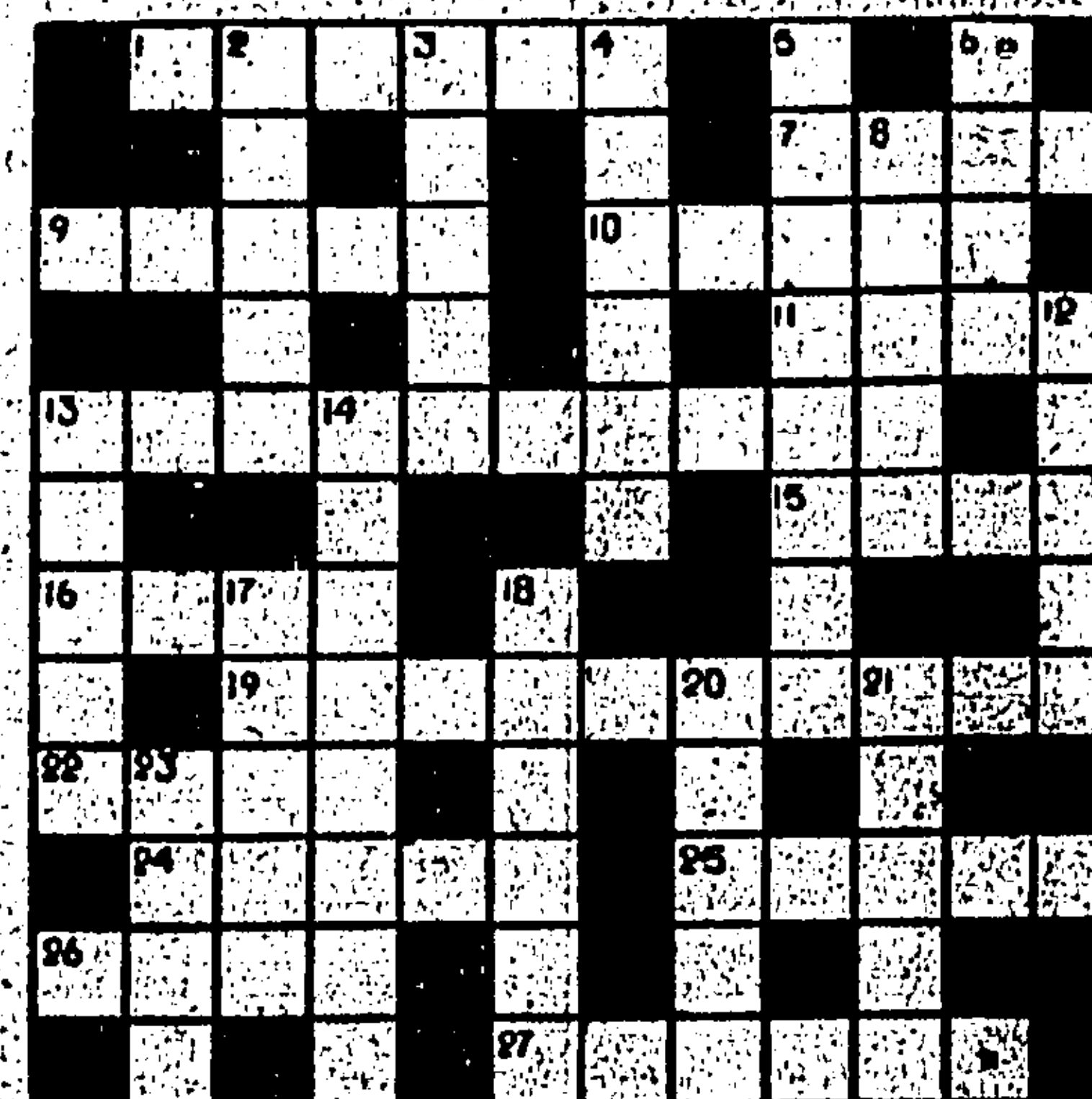
S. K. 4 2 H. Q. D. A. 9 3 C. A. Q. J. 7 5 3

S. A. 10 8 H. A. 5 4 2 C. K. 6 4 3

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

What is the crucial point of the defence against West's No Trump game, and how should it be handled?

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7 Cozy corner 16 Surpass 3 Follow 14 Able to read

9 Less 17 Downcast 4 Thirteen 17 Write

10 Saltpeetre 22 Tie up 5 Meant 17 Bold

11 Spikes of corn 24 Tattle 6 S. African 18 Test

12 Growing to maturity 25 Concave 7 Colonel 20 Unusual

13 Break 26 Inclination 8 Speak 21 Problems

14 Apart 27 Expand 9 Break 22 Obey

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ROUND THE STORES

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Walking into Tamara May's salon was like being transported into a garden. Her racks are stacked with fresh and lovely summer frocks in every colour and large as well as small sizes, which is a godsend for the stylish stout. Her dainty blouses with a gay skirt to complete the outfit caught my eye.

G. M. Arthur and Co. who are well known for the outstanding quality of their jewellery and silverware have the most exquisite display of Stuart crystal. There are sherry sets, water sets, vases, and many other beautiful things, and are worthy of a place in anyone's home.

Carpet Industries always have a large and attractive variety of floor coverings. Their linoleum and cushion covers are really a bargain, and the newest shipment of Indian carpets would make the plainest room beautiful.

Doris are a fascinating game and E. C. Fincher has just received a new shipment of the finest type of boards. His shop is a mecca for all sports lovers and is the only place you can get the famous Henselite bowls.

Sale of silks

A SALE, Yes I thought you would be interested, and especially as it is at Ying Tai & Co. the well known Shanghai firm. They always have a marvellous display of brocades and materials and this time it is sale of lovely washing silks. Don't miss it.

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U.S. CONCERN ON OIL SITUATION

Washington, April 30. A State Department official said this week-end that the U.S. Government is seriously concerned over the displacement of American oil on the world market.

Mr. Robert Eukens, Chief of the Department's petroleum policy staff, reviewed for the National Petroleum Council the talks that have been under way between this country and Britain over oil. Mr. Eukens said progress is being made and that proposals under consideration should go far toward meeting the British problem and U.S. objectives. The problem is tied in with British dollar shortages.

Sterling oil during the last year displaced about nine per cent of the overseas production of American companies. Britain estimated last November that it would have a surplus of almost 4,000,000 tons of petroleum product in 1950.—Associated Press.

PRESTIGE AT STAKE IN MALAYA

Leeds, May 1. The Tory Peer, Lord Mancroft, declared here tonight that Britain's prestige and competence as a colonial power were now on trial in Malaya.

"It is, therefore, imperative that the present intolerable situation be resolved before any more lives, time and money are thrown away," he told a Conservative Party meeting.

The Opposition of the Australian Socialists to the possibility of Australian assistance in the Malayan war might be good Party politics but was it statesmanship? he asked.

"After all, New Zealand is already helping us with aircraft in Hong Kong," he said. "The increased anxiety displayed about the Malayan tragedy in the British Press and in Parliament should reassure the people of Malaya who have, with some justification, complained in the past that we have been indifferent to their difficulties."—Reuter.

SABOTAGE FEARS IN BURMA

Rangoon, April 30. A railway security police force is to be trained to guard road and rail bridges in the Pegu districts North of Rangoon—a target for Communist sabotage.

This followed reports of further destruction by Communists of a railway bridge about 85 miles North of Rangoon. The Communists were said to have used dynamite to collapse the concrete structure.—Associated Press.

London, April 30. Hungary has decided to establish diplomatic relations with the Mongolian People's Republic. Moscow Radio said today.—United Press.

Amendment to conscription bill in U.S.

Washington, April 30. Plans for a two-year extension of the present conscription law, with Congress given the final say on when it would actually be implemented, were announced today by Mr. Carl Vinson, Democrat Chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

Under the present law expiring on June 24 the Defence Department is empowered to call youths of 17 to 24 for service, but no call-ups have been made since January last year.

Mr. Vinson plans to offer an amendment to the present Act to prohibit calls for service until specifically authorised by Congress.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, told the Armed Services Committee earlier this year that the Defence Department was agreeable to yielding control over the call-up to Congress provided this power was also given to the President for use in an emergency.—Reuter.

FOREIGN OFFICE ON RUMANIAN SPY TRIALS

London, May 1. A Foreign Office spokesman today accused Rumania of staging the trial of former members of the British Information Service in Bucharest to justify the closing down of the service a few weeks ago.

Commenting on the sentences, ranging from hard labour for life to 15 years, announced in Bucharest yesterday, the spokesman said this: "The trial was organised to provide apparent justification for the action of the Rumanian authorities in closing the British Information Service."

"Many of the charges relate to the collection of information which, in a democratic country, would in no sense be regarded as secret, and indeed, would be published in the press."—Reuter.

NEW AMBASSADOR

London, April 30. His Majesty the King today approved the appointment of Philip Broadhead, Minister in Damascus, as Ambassador to Prague. William Montagu-Pollock has been appointed the new Minister to Damascus.—United Press.

PENANG CRIME

Singapore, April 30. A group of about 20 bandits shot a Chinese woman dead at Sungai Ara. This is the third shooting incident at Sungai Ara, a Penang island suburb.—Associated Press.

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PEKING LEADER GIVES CANDID ACCOUNT OF REGIME'S PROBLEMS

San Francisco, April 30.

The No. 2 Chinese Communist, Liu Shao-chi, today gave the first official comprehensive picture of the various difficulties facing the new regime.

At the same time he maintained that the trouble is only temporary and will be overcome.

Liu, generally considered the Kremlin's chief agent in Peking, gave the revealing account during the course of a speech about the significance of May Day, broadcast by Peking Radio.

PLAN FOR AFRICAN COLONIES

London, April 30.

The three Governments of Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland have accepted a recommendation for the formation of a Rhodesia-Nyasaland Secretariat and Inter-Territorial Conference.

"It is confidently expected that the present proposals for ensuring co-operation between the Central African territories will be of the greatest benefit to their progress," a joint statement by the three Governments said.

This new development was the outcome of Southern Rhodesia's decision, announced at a meeting of the three territories' Central African Council in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, on January 25 last, that it would not feel able to continue membership of the Council for more than another year.

The Council was set up in 1944 by the British Government to ensure the closest possible co-ordination of policy and action between the three territories.

The British Government at that time stated that the amalgamation of the two Rhodesias and of Nyasaland could not in existing circumstances be regarded as practicable.—Reuter.

PI JAYCEES COMING HERE

Manila, May 1.

A 30-man Philippine Junior Chamber of Commerce delegation will attend the formal inauguration of the Hong Kong Jaycee Chapter on May 6.

The delegation will be headed by Roberto Villanueva, newly-elected Vice-President for Asia of the Junior Chamber International, who is leaving with two members of the delegation aboard the President Wilson to-night. The rest of the delegation will leave by plane for Hong Kong on May 3.—United Press.

Liu listed the following:

1. There are quite a number of people who have not yet perceived the true meaning of the Chinese Communist victory in China and who are presumably offering tacit resistance.

2. There are numerous Nationalist guerrillas who must be eliminated.

3. There are millions of people affected by natural calamities who must be relieved by the State with huge amounts of grain.

4. "Serious dislocation and anarchy emerged in various social and economic enterprises which together with certain shortcomings and errors in our own work resulted in a number of workers unemployed and certain difficulties which have arisen for industries and commercial concerns."

Problems still to be overcome

He said all this is coming at the top of 12 years of war and military campaign which must still be waged against Taiwan and other islands and Tibet and presents problems still to be overcome.

However, on the credit side of the ledger, Liu listed the following: 1. "Imperialism has been driven from China and many prerogatives of the imperialists have been abolished."

2. The Chinese Communist revolution is approaching a victorious conclusion bringing with it an end to blockades and bombing.

3. Manchuria is being completely devoted to economic production.

Liu complained that many Chinese still retain outmoded habits like "paying respect to social parasites who never work but live on other's labour."

He said in celebrating the first May Day since the establishment of the new regime that the Chinese must resolve to eliminate all such utterly mistaken notions which he regarded as great injustice to the working people.—United Press.

DEAD BUT WON'T LIE DOWN

London, April 30.

The Liberal Party, apparently killed off during the recent General Election, refuses to die.

It maintains that the nine Liberal members of Parliament are the most important members in the House.

The reason is not that they nearly hold the balance of power, says the Party, but because they are the only members left in the House who can still exercise the right of independent judgment.

The Liberals draw attention to the debate on Seretse Khama, exiled chief of the Bamangwato. The closure was applied after only 80 minutes of debate, and the Whips put on.

"Only seven (Labour members) had the courage to vote as they believed, and apparently it has been made clear to them that they must never do such a thing again," said the Liberals.

"Like the King's friends in the days of George VI, they were there not to express their own opinions, but to see that their master's views prevailed," the Liberals declared of both Labour and Tories.

The only freedom left in Parliament, said the Liberals, is exercised by the nine Liberal members. If Tories and Socialists continue to impose stringent discipline on their members, debates and divisions "will be merely part of the quaint old world ceremonial, like slamming the door in the face of Black Rod or searching the cellars at the beginning of each Parliamentary session."—United Press.

Sulfa drugs used to cure leprosy

Suva, Fiji Islands, April 30.

Sulfa drug treatment is having a remarkable success against leprosy, the South Pacific Conference delegates were told today when they visited the model leper colony on Makogai Island, near here.

The island's medical superintendent, Dr. C. J. Austin, said that discharges from the colony now average 40 annually, a fact which greatly encourages patients.

Dr. Austin, who has been working among lepers for 20 years, made sure that the delegates followed elaborate precautions during their visit. They repeatedly washed their hands after opening doors or touching verminous rails.

Native patients gathered around the delegates to hear news from their home islands—which many will never see again.

The leper colony—the biggest in the Pacific—has 70 patients spread through eight villages. The patients include natives from 11 different Pacific territories.

A New Zealand Air Force Catalina flew the delegates to Makogai, a small volcanic island half an hour from Suva.

The South Pacific Conference, representing 3,000,000 natives in the area, opened last week. Known as the "South Pacific Parliament," it was originated to give the peoples of the area a chance to express their needs and wishes.

The Conference, to be held every three years, is one of the advisory organs of the South Pacific Commission, which was set up in 1949 by Britain, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France and Holland.—Reuter.

BOMBER EXPLODES IN MID-AIR

Lebanon, Illinois, April 30.

A B-25 bomber on a training mission exploded today, spewing flaming wreckage and petrol over a heavily-populated residential section and killing six passengers.

The plane was trying to make a forced landing in a field on the outskirts of the town. A flaming wing crashed into one home and started a fire which burned the house to the ground. No one was injured at the time.

Another nearby home was damaged by fire and seven others covered with debris. Two passengers were injured. A third was killed.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN YOUTHS IN PEKING

San Francisco, April 30.

Twenty-four members of the Soviet Youth Movement arrived in Peking, the Chinese Communist capital, tonight to take part in anniversary celebrations of the Chinese Communist "New Peking Youth League."

The Radio said that the party was led by N. A. Mikhailov, General Secretary of the Soviet Youth League.—Reuter.

Zulus stage gun fight after wedding

Durban, May 1.

A heavily armed police force was today rushed to quell thousands of Zulus in two factions fighting with guns and spears. A fury of hut burning and fighting broke out last night after a wedding on Thursday, though the wedding ceremonies themselves ended quietly enough on Thursday evening.

The Mapumulo district is about 30 miles inland from the Natal coast town of Stanger. By this afternoon the police had quelled most of the disturbances.

After the wedding, Africans, called to arms, rushed to where the wedding had taken place from every point of a 300 square-mile area.

One African sustained a gunshot wound in the chest in the first exchange. Reprisal raids began last night. Huts were razed and shots exchanged. The number of casualties and the extent of the damage done are not yet known.—Reuter.

President member of jury



President Vincent Auriol of France was elected an honorary member of the jury of wine-tasters of St. Emilion, in the Bordeaux wine country. Photo shows President Vincent Auriol greeting the jury members, who are wearing their ceremonial robes, when they called on him to announce his election at the Elysee Palace in Paris. (AP Photo).

PERMANENT FORCE OF U.S. TROOPS NEEDED IN EUROPE

London,

A permanent garrison of United States troops in Western Europe—even after the occupation of Germany ends—is vital to defence under the North Atlantic Treaty in the opinion of several European defence experts.

These experts feel American troops must remain for many years in bases in Germany or France—or both—for two reasons.

First they say American troops would provide on-the-spot leadership for Europe's defence forces. Second, they would serve as a reassurance to France if German troops eventually took part in Western European defence.

[The Netherlands Chief of Staff has proposed that Atlantic pact powers yield some national power and establish a supreme command and a central financing pool.]

The Atlantic pact goal of 36 divisions in Western Europe by 1955 is impossible without the use of French and German formations acting in unison, these experts say.

At present, the Atlantic pact alliance rounds out its first year. Its 12-member powers have about 22 divisions of varying strength and effectiveness among them in Western Europe.

"Paper plan"

Only about 12 of these, however, could go into action. United States arms are beginning now to arrive to bring them up to strength, but many months will pass before Western Europe's defence is more than a "paper plan" backed by the United States' war potential.

France is the acknowledged core of Western European land defence. In 1939 France had more than 100 divisions; today she has nine in Europe. Three are in West Germany and six are in France. She has been asked and has agreed to Atlantic pact defence provided she receives continuing economic and military aid from the United States.

While the anti-Communist war continues in Indo-China, however, about 10 divisions of France's finest troops—including the cream of her North African forces—will be tied up on the far side of the world at great cost to France in money, shipping, material and in internal discontent.

Until a political decision is taken to use German manpower in Western European defence, Britain must rank as the second contributor of ground forces. Britain's share has been put at around six divisions on the Continent—but today Britain has only five divisions in the whole world. Approximately 2 are in West Germany. Two are in the Middle East and one is in Hong Kong.

Italian strength limited

Of the remaining Atlantic pact powers the Netherlands has four divisions in the process of retraining from Indonesia but none in Western Europe itself. Belgium has her allotted share of three divisions in her own country and has offered to double this, but her Atlantic pact partners have urged her instead to increase her contribution through arms and money—a suggestion to which Belgium has not been precisely sympathetic.

Italy has some six ill-equipped divisions in being but her military strength is sharply limited by the peace treaty, to which the Soviet Union is a signatory.

Furthermore, Italy's troops are a long way from being coordinated in an over-all Western European defence plan. Finally, Norway and Denmark have only approximately one brigade poorly equipped, apiece. The new Atlantic pact alliance contains a preliminary force of 12 divisions.

for the formation of fresh forces by each member power, but for 18 months to come the effective defence forces of Western Europe will remain about 12 to 15 under-equipped divisions. In air power alone can Western Europe be said to be well defended. The Royal Air Force has more than 100 jet fighter squadrons, and these are now being doubled from eight to 16 planes each.

Need for a religious revival

London, April 30.

Asia, on the verge of a great calamity, can be saved only by a religious revival, the High Commissioner for Ceylon, Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, said here today.

Himself a Christian, he told Buddhists celebrating the ancient festival of Vesak that the time had come when Buddhism in Asia must give the lead to other religions in a great effort to balance the forces existing in the world today.

He suggested that the Buddhist Congress, about to be held in Ceylon, should be the starting point not only for a Buddhist revival but for a revival of all religions throughout the world. The service, celebrating one of the most significant dates in the Buddhist calendar, was held in a small whitewashed hall in West London.

In a semi-circle, between pillars, sat about 70 men and women. On an improvised altar decorated with fresh spring flowers were a shrine and a figure of Buddha, recently sent from Burma. Behind the altar sat four saffron-robed Buddhist monks who conducted the service.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND MOSCOW

Sydney, April 30.

The Sydney "Morning Herald's" Canberra correspondent said today that Australia may reduce the status of its diplomatic representation in Moscow.

The correspondent said the Government is dissatisfied with the slight advantage gained from having an Ambassador in Moscow and added that the External Affairs Minister, Percy Spender, will probably be notified to leave Australian representation there to the present Charge d'Affaires, Alan Blakely, who took over when the Ambassador, Mr. A. S. Watt, returned to Australia two months ago.

It is not considered likely that Mr. Watt will return to Moscow.—Associated Press.

LEGHORN SCARE

Leghorn, April 30.

Light earth tremors drove scores of frightened citizens from their homes in three villages near Leghorn last night. There were no reports of damage.

Leghorn was shaken by quakes about a month ago, and thousands fled their homes in fear of collapsing walls and ceilings. More than 20 people were slightly injured. The Associated Press.

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U.S. SEES INDONESIA AS A DEFENCE LINK

Jakarta, May 1.
American diplomats today view Indonesia as a strong link in any possible defence chain against the march of Russian Communism in South East Asia.

The recent visit of the American roving ambassador, Dr. Philip Jessup, coupled with official and unofficial statements in Washington, strengthen this belief here.

WAR IN PACIFIC UNLIKELY

Melbourne, April 30.
Admiral A. W. Radford, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, said in a Press interview today that war in the Pacific in the near future is unlikely.

He arrived here today as the guest of the Australian Government for Coral Sea Week, which starts tomorrow. It commemorates the Coral Sea Battle of 1942 giving the Allies their first major victory over the Japanese fleet.

Admiral Radford said that if hostilities do break out, Australia will have to depend on herself at the start, but it would not take other nations long to be in it.

Pearl Harbour—the American naval base bombed by Japanese planes on December 7, 1941, without a declaration of war—would never again be caught unguarded, he said.

The Admiral was welcomed on his arrival by Mr. R. G. Casey, the Minister of Supply and Development, Rear-Admiral J. A. Collins, of the Royal Australian Navy, and Air Marshal O. Jones, Chief of Air Staff.

Admiral Radford is expected to remain in Australia until May 9.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, will officially open Coral Sea Week in a nationwide broadcast tomorrow night.

He will launch a drive for £A 50,000 to build in Canberra an Australian memorial to American Servicemen.—Reuter.

DESERTIONS FROM RED ARMY

Berlin, April 30.
The off-duty time of Soviet occupation troops in Germany has been cut to two hours per day to halt increased desertion of Soviet soldiers to the West, the anti-Communist "Berliner Anzeiger" said today.

The Soviet secret police have disarmed 80 per cent of the Soviet occupation troops and allow them to keep only their sidearms. Weapons are given these troops only in case of need.—United Press.

Vatican City, April 30.
Pope Pius received in private audiences today Monsignor Ludovico Augusto Chuan, Apostolic Vicar of Bangkok, Siam, and Monsignor Michele Memelauer, Bishop of Sant Polten, Austria.—Associated Press.

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But whether the Indonesians feel this way is another matter. Few, if any, Indonesian leaders would challenge the statement that ideologically Indonesia stands solidly with the Western democracies, notably Britain and the United States.

She takes this stand because it is in her own interest.

A thick layer of the Indonesian nationalist movement is strongly idealistic. They desire only to bring the fruits of Western democracy to the once colonised East Indies. They want free speech, free Press, free by-laws, strong trade unions and electoral government. They still have a long road to travel to get this, despite the recent transfer of sovereignty.

As a former colony they realize the danger of Communism as preached today: the totalitarian State. To them, it would also mean the return to their former status by taking direct dictation from a foreign power, in this case Soviet Russia.

But the Indonesians face a dilemma.

Avoiding blocs
Ideologically they are linked to the West but above all they wish to avoid power blocs, military alliances and any possible threat to what they consider their peace and security.

It is for this reason that the Philippine suggestion last year for the formation of a Pacific Pact drew no comment from Indonesia, although the Indonesians are warm friends of the Philippines.

Indonesia wants peace above all. They point to the untold destruction and general economic and social upheaval throughout the country. This has resulted from the wartime occupation of the Japanese and the post-war feud with the Dutch.

Unknowningly, the Indonesians are strong political isolationists. They stand on a par with the Americans of 1939. They think, however, in terms of a "third bloc" to stand between America and Soviet Russia. In this they follow the lead of India.

Indonesian relations with the West in general and America in particular can succinctly be described by the phrase "now the shoe is on the other foot."

"During the years of struggle for independence the Indonesians sought American ideological support and material aid. Today this is reversed. The Americans now seek Indonesian ideological support and material aid."

Cautious policy
The United States seeks aid in the form of a peaceful and productive Indonesia which can greatly contribute to the world's under-nourished economy with tea, coffee, rubber, sugar and a lot of other needy products.

But the Indonesian Government must tread cautiously on foreign affairs. It must take into account outposts of political parties and a vitriolic Press. These two outlets of opinion are extremely sensitive to foreign pressure or, rather, to what they consider to be foreign pressure.

Sometimes the Indonesian dilemma becomes acute. Take Indo-China.

Indonesia is overwhelmingly sympathetic to Dr. Ho Chi-minh, irrespective of his position in international politics. They are not sympathetic on the grounds of Communism, but simply because they recognise Dr. Ho as a popular nationalist leader.

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Khartoum, April 30.
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Group Captain John Cunningham, De-Havilland's chief pilot, said he had not been making any special attempt to set up a record.

The Comet made the flight of approximately 1,300 miles at about 420 miles an hour.

After a five-day stay for tropical tests in Nairobi the Comet has come to Khartoum for further trials.

The airliner reached Africa six days ago after a record-breaking flight from London to Cairo, averaging 430 miles an hour.

It had already made test flights to Tripoli, Rome and Copenhagen, setting up records each time.—Reuter.

COFFIN CONTEST

Paris, April 30.
Two Paris amateur "fakirs", Mme. Lella Hazdun and Scarba Bey, are to compete for a prize of 50,000 francs to be won by the one who remains the longest time in a coffin 30 inches below the ground.

The prize is offered by the American film actor, Orson Welles, who is now in Paris. It will be competed for next Wednesday in the cellar of a Paris cafe, where holes and coffins have been prepared.—Reuter.

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Anti-Russian activity in Latvia

Stockholm, April 30.
Partisans in Soviet-occupied Baltic countries have sabotaged Russian troop trains and fought open battles with the Soviet police, the newspaper "Stockholms Tidning" reported today.

The paper, which did not reveal its sources, said 200 Russian soldiers were killed by railway sabotage in Latvia recently when their military train passed between the Latvian towns of Menti and Ievael.

A group of Latvian and Lithuanian partisans fought a pitched battle with Russian MVD troops, the report added. It said partisans were killed when they took shelter in a barn, which was set on fire by the Russians. It also said that 20 civilians, including a 16-year-old girl and two schoolboys, were killed by the Russians in retaliatory action.—United Press.

WALLACE PROPOSAL

Des Moines, Iowa, April 30.
A global economic smash-up in 1952 and the probable rise somewhere of a greater Hitler was predicted today by Henry Wallace, former United States Vice-President, unless co-operation is achieved between Britain, the United States, Russia and China within the United Nations.

In a speech at Des Moines, he proposed that President Truman and Marshal Stalin should confer in the establishment of a \$30,000,000,000-a-year plan to end the cold war.

Mr. Wallace, leader of the American Progressives, proposed that the United States should contribute \$10,000,000,000 annually to a World Bank sponsored in a big way.

Apparently referring to the United States Arms Aid Programme, he said: "The people of Western Europe, much as they fear Russia, will not permit themselves to be built up by the United States for the prime purpose of serving America in a hydrogen and atomic-bomb holocaust."—Associated Press.

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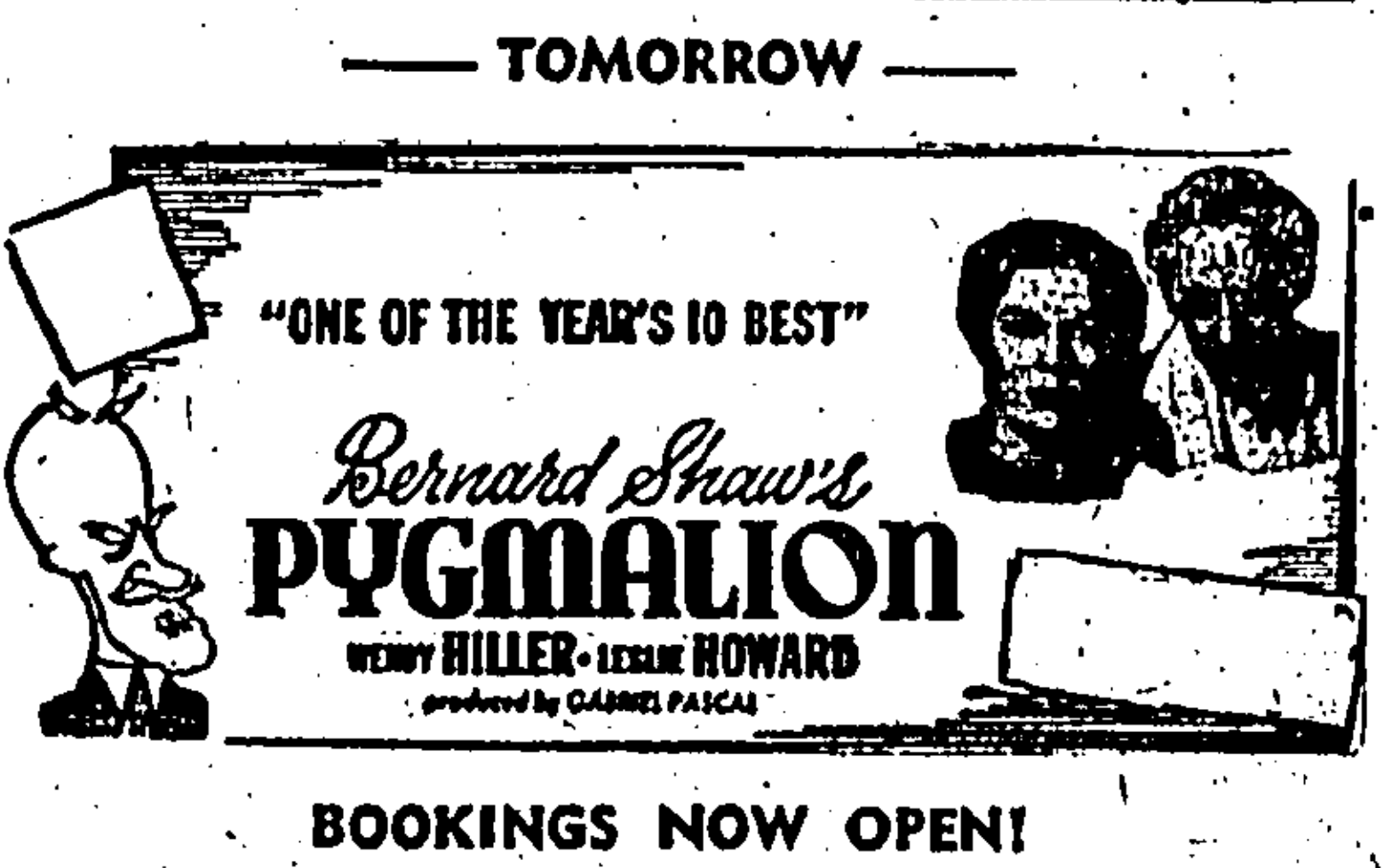


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BIRTH
 WILSON—To Judy Helen, wife of Major K. H. S. Wilson, the Royal Sussex Regt., on 30th April at Queen Mary Hospital, a son.

INFLOW AND OUTFLOW

One might imagine, to judge by the minor storm created over the measures now being taken to control the volume of immigration into Hong Kong, that the local authorities were trying to prevent all further entry of Chinese. That is not the idea at all. It is true that in Singapore recently it was decided that all further entry of Chinese into that Colony should be dictated by economic need. The decision was taken on the initiative of the Chinese themselves. It was only partly influenced by overcrowding. Singapore, too, is over-taxing its available housing accommodation, but the problem there has not reached the proportions it has here. The decision was taken largely because there is already a certain amount of unemployment. Immigrants used to go into Malaya, but in the present state of affairs they prefer to remain in Singapore, and not many of them possess the skills or aptitude for industrial or city employment.

The initiative for action here arose out of the squatter menace. Those who have seen the way in which the latest additions to the squatter community are living near the junction of Island, and Mount Davis Roads will realise what a problem it is. Nor does the question of sovereign rights enter into it. The measures proposed are of a municipal character. It is a question of controlling the volume of traffic, not of stopping it. Critics of the measure say it cannot be stopped anyway, and perhaps to a large extent they are right.

There are, we realise, different interpretations of the agreement regarding Kowloon city. In a practical sense it was meant to guarantee official communications. A very similar agreement was negotiated about the same time in Tientsin. The only road running between the Chinese city of Tientsin and Taku formed the border of the original Concession. When it was extended by agreement it was expressly provided that the Chinese should retain freedom of movement between Tientsin city and Taku along this road. It was patrolled and administered by the Concession authorities, who exercised municipal rights and occasionally—in times of special need such as an outbreak of fire—diverted, controlled or restricted traffic. It was never suggested that it justified the unrestricted entry of Chinese. Indeed policy was directed to quite opposite ends; to segregation in fact. For a long time Chinese business firms and individuals were prohibited from residing or carrying on business in the old Concession, at the express insistence of the Chinese authorities themselves. The attitude of the Chinese at the time the Kowloon agreement was made was almost certainly that is what is relevant in considering the applicability of this clause to the decision to exercise control.

Hong Kong is overcrowded, in relation to the available housing. It is overcrowded in a way that would normally be regarded as a disgraceful violation of all civilised municipal housing standards. These standards are the result of public conscience no less than of a sense of self-protection. We see no logic in demanding more and more social amenities and health facilities while demanding at the same time an overstrain on such facilities as do exist. We can hardly afford to ignore the lesson taught by the epidemics in Calcutta, which have reached unprecedented proportions as a result of the inflow of refugees from East to West Bengal.

Survey of Indo-China--No. 2:

VIETNAMESE NATIONALISM VS. FRENCH COLONIALISM

By Seymour Topping

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Associated Press Correspondent Seymour Topping discusses "Vietnamese Nationalism versus French Colonialism" in this, the second part of his illuminating report on Vietnam.)

French authority in Indo-China today is challenged by an insurgent Vietnamese nationalism that refuses to compromise for anything less than full independence.

The politically conscious among the 25,000,000 Vietnamese are united on one thing: They want complete independence and they want it now. The recent history behind this burning aspiration has been lost in the shuffle of major world events. As Indo-China comes to the forefront, it commands attention.

World War II gave the Vietnamese a conviction that they could be independent of the French. They saw other Asians in 1940 and humble French. The prestige of the white man was undermined by the Japanese sweep through South East Asia. Five years of Japanese anti-white propaganda left a deep impression.

The Vietnamese have a balance sheet for evaluating what 80 years of French colonialism accomplished in their country.

The French first took Cochinchina in 1852. They colonised the rich rice-producing delta region and gradually extended their hegemony over neighbouring lands. The other two provinces, Annam and Tonkin, became protectorates. Cambodia and Laos also were made protectorates and the five parts federated into Indo-China.

Rice farming helped

The French built roads, railways, ports, erected several towns and cities modelled on their own. They mined coal, opened rubber, coffee and tea plantations. Rice farming, the main source of wealth, was helped. Pre-war exports totalled annually about US\$100,000,000. In return, about US\$50,000,000 in almost exclusively French products entered the country.

A limited programme of education was instituted. A university was founded at Hanoi and some Vietnamese went to France to study. The French language, like English in India, became the second tongue for educated Vietnamese. The written language was romanised. Missionaries made Catholics of 2,000,000 Vietnamese. The French administration brought order to the country but permitted no self-government. Vietnamese were allowed only minor or honorary posts. French colonial capital developed almost entirely extractive industries to exploit Vietnamese resources. There were few badly needed factories built except mills for processing agricultural products.

The Indo-Chinese were shut away from the rest of the Western world by a French cultural and economic monopoly. Probably 80 per cent of the people are illiterate. Out of these circumstances came the Vietnamese desire for independence. A proud and sentimental people, they are greatly influenced by the nationalist feeling that grips all Asia.

After the war, the Vietnamese stated their hopes for independence on Ho Chi Minh's Vietnamese League for the Independence of Vietnam. It is a political coalition of political parties organised and sparked by a Red core. A 20 per cent Communist element today controls the Vietnamese government and army.

housing. It is overcrowded in a way that would normally be regarded as a disgraceful violation of all civilised municipal housing standards. These standards are the result of public conscience no less than of a sense of self-protection. We see no logic in demanding more and more social amenities and health facilities while demanding at the same time an overstrain on such facilities as do exist. We can hardly afford to ignore the lesson taught by the epidemics in Calcutta, which have reached unprecedented proportions as a result of the inflow of refugees from East to West Bengal.

It was not by chance that the Communists were able to assume the leadership of the independence movement. The Vietnamese turned to them for guidance not because they wanted Communism for their country.

Well adapted

The French had harshly put down Vietnamese independence movements. Many nationalists were imprisoned or guillotined for their revolutionary work. The Communists were able to keep the independence movement alive because their conspiratorial, revolutionary methods and organisation were peculiarly well adapted to operating under police supervision.

To hold the leadership, Ho Chi Minh and his Communist faction have avoided advancing any revolutionary programme that might antagonise other groups of the coalition. A standard Communist tactic was employed. First, they have aligned themselves with the broad, popular movement. Later, if the movement carries them to power, their other plans will be shown.

The Vietnam bid for power in August, 1945. They took over Hanoi, the leading Northern city, from a puppet regime backed by the Japanese. Soon after September 2, the "Democratic Peoples Republic of Vietnam" was proclaimed with Ho Chi Minh as president.

American officers of OSS accompanied the Vietnamese guerrillas from 1940 had harassed the Japanese in North Indo-China. In the latter part of the war, they were joined by American officers who helped lead them, showed them tactics they are using today, and trained Ho Chi Minh's troops in the use of American weapons that were air-dropped in large quantities.

These officers encouraged Ho Chi Minh to believe that he

could have U. S. support in creating an independent Vietnam.

Ho Chi Minh's republic soon began to crumble. British troops occupied the Southern half of Vietnam and Chinese Nationalists the Northern half. French troops released from Japanese internment by the British drove the Vietnamese from Saigon in late September. The war between the French and Vietnamese was beginning.

Peace talks

Peace talks were initiated in 1946. Ho Chi Minh led a Vietnamese delegation to France in July, 1946. The negotiations broke down because the French were unwilling to grant the terms of independence asked by the Vietnamese. Both sides sparred for time and position. On December 19, a surprise Vietnamese attack on the French in Hanoi started the war in earnest.

Why did the French fight to stay in Indo-China?

They fought to protect about US\$1,000,000,000 in investments and a continuing source of large income. Indo-China was a growing centre of French culture and civilisation in Asia. To lose the empire meant that France would be taking a long step towards being reduced to a third-rate European power.

The French threw 150,000 troops into the struggle. Some estimates of French casualties to date run as high as 100,000 killed, wounded and disabled by disease. About one-eighth of the annual French budget goes to Indo-China to retain this important part of the empire. When it became apparent that military means alone could not defeat the Vietnamese, the French searched for a complementary political solution. They found one in the "Bao Dai solution." Frenchmen admit it is a bad one but the only solution.

Six million heroes who lived a miracle

In 1942 the British War Cabinet gave authority to Professor Hancock and a team of historians, economists, and sociologists to study the archives of the Government departments, and out of them and the records of local authorities and voluntary agencies to construct a civil history of the Second World War.

The volumes, when the task is completed, will comprise, reckoned, between four and five million words—by way of comparison, Gibbon wrote the history of 12 centuries in a million words. Truly a formidable undertaking for writers and readers alike.

To Mr. Titmuss were assigned three main topics—the evacuation, the hospital services, and, more generally, the social consequences of the air-raids on those who witnessed the German fury.

The outcome is admirable and, to one reader, an absorbing book. I could look at nothing else till I had come to the end.

Here is the answer to the question I often put to myself when it was all happening—"How will this figure in history?" And I cannot praise too highly the skill and judgment with which Mr. Titmuss has kept the two aspects of his story in view together—the administrative side and the human side.

World's wonder

In one sentence, we might say that Britain was prepared for what did not happen, and unprepared for what did happen.

Britons expected a terrible onslaught upon London within a few hours of the declaration of war, and with that in view they organised a great evacuation. Instead of which—nothing happened. They entered on that period—so strange to have lived through, so dimly recalled—of twilight war. The evacuated thousands flowed back to the great cities.

But even if nothing more had happened they should have learnt a lesson. That sudden contact of town and country was a revelation to all. It was more than a contact: it was a conflict of two different civilisations; living side by side in one day; each with its own little life; each other and both under orders from

officials who seemed at times to know still less of either.

Britons all remember the consequences. From every reception area went up the cry—"We will take the children, if we must, but the mothers—never again!"

And then the miracle. There was no word too bad for those evacuated. Londoners in the country; they were greedy, they were dirty, they were ungrate-

By G.M. Young

ful; they had no manners and no morals. So back they went. But no sooner had they got the green London pavements under their feet, and the dusty London air in their lungs, than their gay, heroic courage, their helpfulness and good fellowship were the wonder of the world.

For five years the Londoners were under the alert once every 30 hours, and their last trial—the flying bomb—was the worst of all. But the one thing which the authorities most feared never happened—a panic flight.

Food for thought

What did happen was unforeseen, though surely not unforeseeable.

Mr. Titmuss is always temperate in his criticisms of public administration, but he does not conceal his opinion that in the resettlement of the homeless it showed itself improvident and purblind.

The Ministry of Health really seems to have thought that a family whose home was a heap of ruins would just walk round the corner and find another. Perhaps a "small residuum" might have to be killed. But, except for one respite, London was bombed continuously for 76 nights. There was no panic, but a fierce indignation, and it may be said that London's nerve was kept steady by the voluntary workers, while the officials' local and central was making up their minds what to do.

In the end, under the guidance of the Special Commissioner, Mr. Willink, they mastered the problem.

After protracted negotiation Bao Dai, ex-emperor of Annam was persuaded to leave exile in Hong Kong to head a government. He signed the March 8, 1949, agreement which gave Vietnam a measure of internal autonomy within the French Union. The French hoped to rally it. Bao Dai could attract away from Ho Chi Minh the support of nationalist groups. A Vietnamese national army was to be formed to assist in the "pacification campaign."

No rallying

But there was no significant rallying to Bao Dai. An absolute majority of the politically interested Vietnamese continued to favour Ho Chi Minh.

Vietnamese withheld loyalty to Bao Dai because the agreement he had signed did not give them independence. They objected vigorously to provisions placing direction of Vietnamese diplomacy and national defence in French hands. The latter clause meant that French troops would remain in the country indefinitely. There was no official French promise of greater independence to come.

Conclusion of the March 8 agreement was a victory for Leon Pignon, able and respected French High Commissioner for Indo-China. It had taken the French Parliament almost a year to ratify it. The Left and the Right combined to oppose ratification. The Left favoured complete concession to Ho Chi Minh. The Right feared that Vietnamese internal autonomy would endanger French investments.

As Bao Dai's Vietnam came into official being last February, the issue of Vietnamese independence was pitchedforked into the international arena. Chinese Communist armies had rolled to Vietnam's Northern borders. The Soviet Bloc had recognised Ho Chi Minh's regime, an action signalling a Communist effort to move into South East Asia. French officials declared that France was in Indo-China principally to fight Communism.

The United States and Britain recognised the Bao Dai government and the U. S. prepared to back it with a programme of military and economic aid.



It seems that Lord Woolton is willing to make Liberal concessions in order to strengthen the anti-Socialist front.

Up at Taku Bar the Commos are asking: can the California Bear to leave?

In their desire to make things go with a bang, some local types are becoming unnecessarily bombastic.

Miss Red. Wouldn't it have been much simpler if all the Commos got together and elected a May Day maid, eh?

"The tax on an ounce of pipe tobacco is about 44 cents, varying from brand to brand." And believe me, you need to be wary of some of these brands.

"Vicar exercises ghost in ancient church rite." Took him for a short walk, maybe?

Slow vote to China? "New planet discovered by Russia." I thought the accepted term was satellite.

"Burma eager to have U.S. capital." What's wrong with Rangoon?

Reports indicate that British mill workers don't cotton on to the idea of too many mechanical improvements.

"Frenchmen are going to try hard to be unfailingly polite next week—for at least a fortnight." Seven days—or is that double talk?

Revolution in Mom's country. You don't have to believe this, but it really is true: glancing through an American magazine last night I saw an advertisement for a new motor car showing a man at the driving wheel...

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"All set for the big game to-morrow, Mac!"

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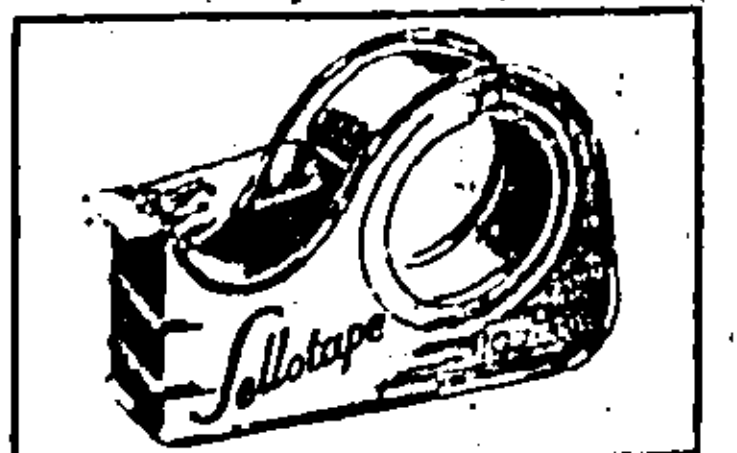
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CONNALLY ENDORSES MARSHALL'S WARNING

Washington, April 30.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Tom Connally, said that the charges of Senator Joseph McCarthy would certainly weaken the United States position at the coming Big Three and Atlantic Pact meetings in London.

Senator Connally strongly endorsed a warning from the former Secretary of State, George Marshall, that Russia was reaping cold war profit from Senator McCarthy's efforts to prove that Communists dictated the State Department's Far Eastern policy.

Robert Doyle buried

Bandoeng, April 30.

Funeral services for Yale University professor Raymond Kennedy and Time-Life correspondent Robert Doyle, who were found murdered on Friday, were held here today.

Following simple joint services of the Dutch Catholic Church at the graveside, the bodies were buried in the European cemetery overlooking this mountain city.

No members of either family were present, but several hundred Americans, including U.S. Embassy officials, Indonesian and United Nations representatives attended the services. The U.S. was represented by the Information Minister, Mr. Mononutu.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Chief of Police Sukanto arrived from Jakarta to push an investigation of the unsolved crime.

Preliminary police reports showed that the Americans were killed on Wednesday morning on a lonely stretch of highway near Torno by four assassins wearing uniforms without insignia.

They trailed Professor Kennedy's jeep in a sedan and tore across the road, blocking the jeep. The unarmed victims were forced from their car, taken a few hundred yards from the road and shot with revolvers at close range from behind, police reports indicated.

The gang stripped the bodies and forced peasants at gunpoint to bury them, threatening to return and burn the village if the peasants told police. The gang made a getaway in the jeep and sedan in the direction of Cheribon.

Police authorities refused official comment while the investigation is in the preliminary stages. They indicated, however, that they suspect the attackers were rebels motivated by a desire to take spectacular action that would embarrass the U.S. Government and Americans in general for the support they feel the United States has thrown behind the Nationalists, the present Government. — Associated Press.

PHONE STRIKE THREAT

New York, April 30.
Striking telephone engineers will picket phone exchanges throughout the country tomorrow in an effort to halt services, the strikers announced here today.
Installation engineers went on strike a week ago, and sought the support of other telephone workers. Government mediators opened talks today in a bid to end the dispute. — Reuter.

Senator McCarthy, who is on holiday near Prescott, Arizona, replied that Mr. Marshall's statements were dangerously childish and silly. He repeated his earlier assertion: "The State Department has adopted the official Communist programme in the Far East right down to the last comma." He did not repeat his Senate floor charge that Owen Lattimore is a Russian spy, but said, "If Mr. Lattimore was not a salesman for the Party line, then I ask Mr. Acheson and his friends who did the selling job."

Senator Connally spoke on the eve of a closed session of his Committee with the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, who leaves for London late this week for war strategy conferences with the Foreign Ministers of Britain and France and later of all 12 Atlantic Pact nations.

Mr. Acheson is expected to appeal for demonstrated bipartisan support to strengthen his hand in the London negotiations, which will be aimed in part at working out uniform Western power policy for curbing Communist expansion in the Far East.

Freda Utley to testify

Meanwhile, Senator Millard Tydings hinted that he has important new evidence to lay before his Senate Foreign Relations sub-Committee, which is investigating Senator McCarthy's charges.

The sub-committee will hold a public hearing tomorrow afternoon to receive testimony from Freda Utley, former British Communist, who has promised proof that the Far Eastern expert, Owen Lattimore, had followed the Communist Party line.

Senator Tydings gave no clue in his radio broadcast about the nature of the valuable material he has personally gathered to present to the sub-committee. There is speculation that it concerns the America spy case of 1945, in which six persons were arrested and two convicted on charges of stealing Government documents for the magazine. — United Press.

PUBLISHER DEAD

Winchester, April 30.
Walter V. Hutchinson, multi-millionaire publisher, art connoisseur and racehorse owner, died at Winchester Hospital early today. He was 63.

While making his book publishing fortune Mr. Hutchinson also accumulated one of the world's finest collections of sporting pictures.

One of Mr. Hutchinson's most famous horses was Ballyscanlon, whose jockey used to carry a rattle instead of a whip, until racing authorities frowned.

Ballyscanlon's trainer discovered by accident that the horse ran fast when a can containing pebbles was shaken behind his ears. Mr. Hutchinson was reported to have won more than £10,000 with Ballyscanlon. — Associated Press.

New post for Carlos Romulo

Manila, April 30.
President Elpidio Quirino revealed today that Carlos Romulo will be appointed Foreign Affairs Secretary as soon as he returns from Lake Success on May 10.

Mr. Quirino made the disclosure to Congressmen visiting him at his summer residence in Baguio. Mr. Romulo will also retain his post as chief Philippine delegate to the United Nations.

President Quirino is at present holding the foreign affairs portfolio. — United Press.

FRANCE NOT TO MAKE A-BOMB

Paris, April 30.
The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, said tonight that France does not intend to produce an atom bomb.

"There must be control of all armaments and not only of the atom bomb," he told a local congress of his Party, the Popular Republicans, at Mont Brissson, Loire Department.

"The French Government has not lost hope that control will be achieved," he stated, adding that only with free access to all countries could there be successful control of the armament industry. — Reuter.

AMERICAN PLAN TO INTEGRATE EUROPE

London, April 30.

The United States will define a modest plan for unification or integration of Europe—far short of a United States of Europe—when the Big Three Foreign Ministers meet here next week.

The Americans have shouted loudest about unification of Europe as a prerequisite to economic recovery, political stability and physical security.

The demands have ranged all the way from proposals for a Customs Union to those for a full-fledged United States of Europe, uniting the European countries as the 48 American States are united.

The Europeans have become more insistent upon knowing precisely what the United States Government, in contrast to its more vocal citizens, really wants the Europeans to do.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, is expected to suggest that the Western European countries take gradual steps which would restore more or less an economic system for Europe which would be close to that which existed during most of the 19th Century.

Before World War I, the following economic principles prevailed in Europe:

1. Currencies were freely convertible.
2. Goods crossed borders almost as freely in Europe then as they do now in the United States. There were few restrictions on trade, such as the required import and export licences.
3. People migrated from one country to another with about absolute freedom. Passports and visas for tourists are a modern development.
4. Even capital used to be quite mobile. It was possible for a man in England to invest in an enterprise in Germany, Italy, Rumania or France and his legitimate return for use in any other country.

That is what the United States would like to see the European governments move toward again. — United Press.

Tri-centenary of the Coldstreams

London, April 30.

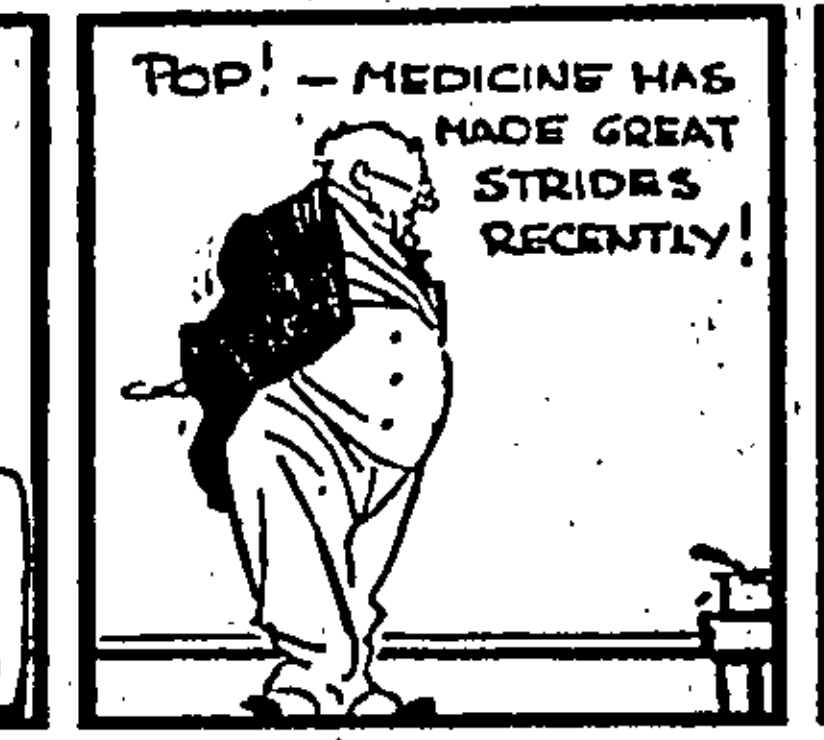
Britain's historic Coldstream Guards started their tri-centenary celebrations today when three generations of Guards paraded in the regiment's annual Memorial Service.

Under the bright spring sunlight, the full regimental band in ceremonial uniform led the parade from the Service at Westminster Abbey to the Guards' Memorial on the Horse Guards Parade, where a wreath was laid. Setting off the scarlet tunics and bearskins of the present members of the regiment—the oldest unit in the Brigade of Guards—were the civilian suits of bowler-hatted veterans, many from the South African War.

The Church service, usually held in the Regimental Chapel, took place in Westminster Abbey this year to accommodate all members. A wreath was laid on the tomb of the Regiment's founder, and first Colonel, General George Monck, Duke of Albemarle, who was buried at the Abbey in 1670.

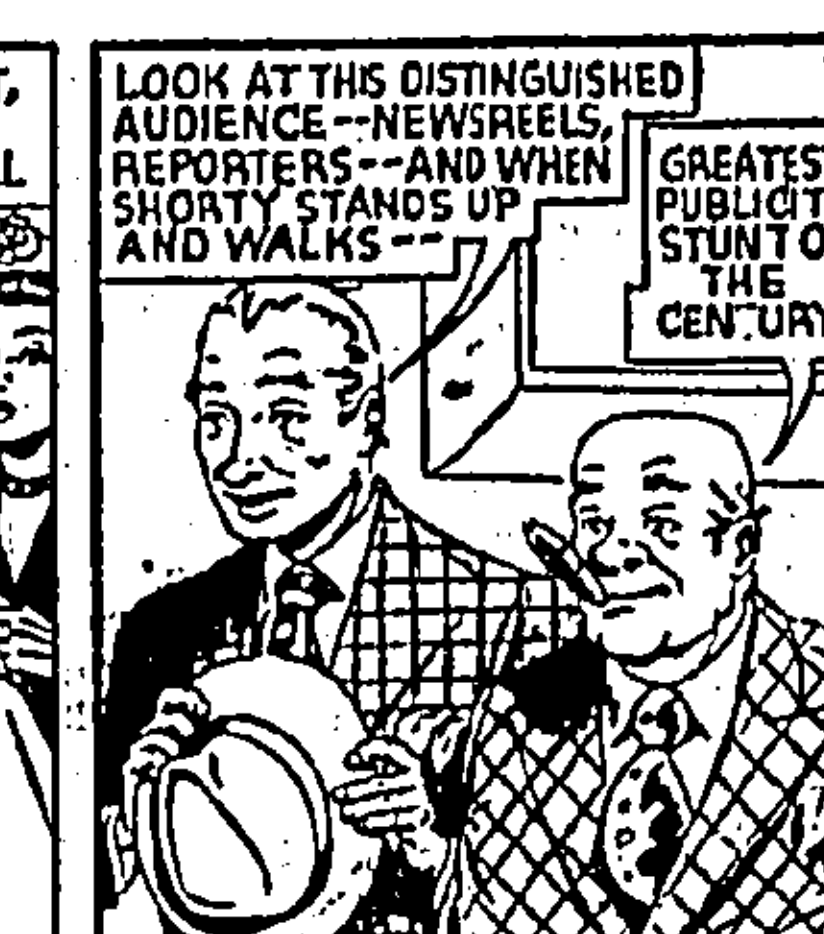
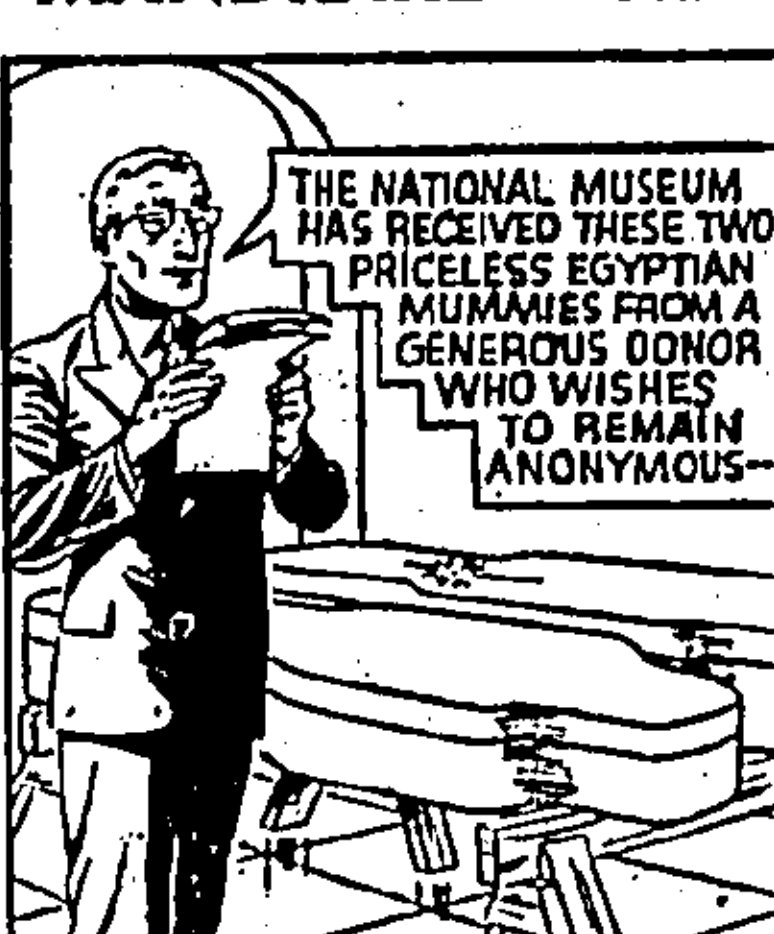
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CARDINAL ACCUSES REDS

Berlin, April 30.
Cardinal Count von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, has charged the East German Communist regime with hampering the Roman Catholic Church's freedom of religion and speech.
In a letter to the East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl, dated April 22, the Catholic Prelate demanded a change in the State's religious policy.
Cardinal von Preysing, who incurred Nazi wrath with his opposition to their anti-religious and anti-humanitarian campaigns, declared to Grotewohl:
"The State supports a materialist philosophy in schools and Press, on the part of its officials and in its organizations.
2. Church influence on public life has been made impossible by the State.
3. Christians have been forced to join certain organizations and undertake measures which they know are wrong and which they know violate human dignity and the worth of the individual.
4. The Church has been forbidden to publish newspaper articles which tend to counteract the countless attacks against the Church and false reports about the Church.
The Cardinal's letter was made public a week after Evangelical and Catholic clergymen from pulpits throughout the Russian Zone combined in an attack on Communism.—United Press.

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8.30—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and their Contemporaries. (London Relay)
9.00—"From the Editor's Desk." (London Relay)
9.10—Weather Report.
9.15—Piano Recital by Caroline Draga. (Studio)
9.30—Orchestral Interlude.
9.40—"Dancing Time"—With the Dance Orchestra of the South Staffordshire Regiment (Relay from the Forces Education Centre)
10.10—"The Old Lady shows Her Merit"—A Play by J. M. Barrie. (BBC)
10.40—Popular Vocal Groups.
11.00—Radio News Reel, (London Relay)
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (Recorded Relay)
God Save the King.
Close Down.

Redifusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Getting Up Exercises.
7.30—Melodies from the South Staffordshire Regiment (Relay from the Forces Education Centre)
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Salon Concert Players.
8.30—Morning Music.
8.40—Tuesday's Favourite Classics.
10.40—Morning Medley.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—B.B.C. School Broadcast.
12.30—Light Music.
1.00—Swing.
1.15—News.
1.30—From The Shows.
1.40—Variety Gals The "Tune."
4.00—The Newsline.
4.15—Tropicana.
4.30—Vocally Yours.
5.00—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
5.30—Movie Time.
5.40—Radio Headlines.
5.50—Piano Playhouse.
6.00—Ten Ming-Eng Singers.
6.10—The Walls Live On.
7.15—Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Minor.
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—Ed. A. Keller.
8.10—Local News.
8.15—Sammy Kaye and His Orch.
8.30—Recent Show.
8.40—The Stars Sing.
8.50—Ed. A. Keller.
9.30—"Free For All"
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.10—Local News.
10.15—Relay.
10.20—The Newsline.
11.00—Music and More.
11.30—Close Down.

Taipei, May 1.
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared today that the Chinese Nationalists are fighting an anti-Russian war.

In a May Day message, the Nationalist chief bitterly attacked both the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union.
He described the island of Taiwan as "our base in the anti-Communist and anti-Russian war for national salvation."

In the half century since the start of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's revolution movement, Chiang asserted, the Manchu Dynasty has been overthrown, the Northern warlords eliminated, and Japan's aggression thwarted, but "now we are fighting against the Communists and Soviet Russia."
"Today," Chiang said, "Mao Tse-tung has adopted a 'leaning to one side' policy toward Russia, has put all the material resources and industrial equipment of the mainland at Russia's disposal, and has subjected our country to Soviet servitude."
"All workers should all the more consolidate themselves in the anti-Communist, anti-Russian fight in order to accomplish the national revolution."
Chiang said that under the Communists, production had been reduced, wages decreased and working hours lengthened while millions were jobless.
Addressing his remarks to the workers on the mainland, he said:
"You have fully recognised the significance of the struggle against the Communists and Soviet Russia. Your hatred for and protest against the Communists, your sabotage and strikes, are equal in importance to the contribution made by the workers. Only through hard work in the rear and through consolidated efforts at the front can Taiwan be held and victory over Communism and Russia be won."

Weight-lifting in Japan
"Lifting the Weight"—Japanese style—is described in a letter from correspondent Richard Hughes in Tokyo. The "weight" in this case is not a leaden dumb-bell but instead a giant rice cake weighing, together with its pedestal, some 370 lbs. and towering to a height of 10 ft.

Competitors must lift the cake and carry it as far as possible. A good distance, and an average one, is 12 yards. This year, however, at a local ceremony at Shokoku, the "Honourable Rice Cake" was carried for a distance of nearly 50 yards to the accompaniment of Buddhist priests chanting songs and beating time on wooden gongs.
No other competitor succeeded in carrying the towering, awkward burden more than a dozen yards and one competitor almost committed the unheard-of offence of falling with his cake. By tradition the winner was presented with the cake and as an extra prize was given its corresponding displacement in "sake" or rice wine.
Meanwhile, at Kawaguchi, North of Tokyo, another rice competition has just ended—with 25 sportsmen racing each other in an attempt to eat 18 "large bowls of rice."
The winner finished his meal in just under 30 minutes—a good bowl ahead of the runner-up. His last four bowls of rice he ate quite understandably—with his eyes closed!

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 34 (I)

Vocabulary:
182. (haang) (1)haang
183. (lo) (3)loh
184. (lung) (1)loong
185. (kwoh) gwaw(3)
186. (hol) hoy(2)
187. (kuen) (3)guon
(kwol) (3)gwocoy
Combinations:
11. Yut(1)-(1)leeco (3)loh.
12. (1)Haang (3)loh.
13a. Yut(1) (3)loh.
13b. Yut(1) (3)loh... Yut(1) loh.
14. Gwaw(3) (1)lal.
15. Gwaw(3) hul(8).
16. Gwaw(3) duk(1) (1)lal.
17. Gwaw(3) duk(1)-(1)lal.
18. Gwaw(3) hoy(2).
Place Names:
2. Gau(2)-(1)loong.
3. Heng(2)-(1)loong.
A Story: (Continued)
66. (2)Kul yun(1)-(3)wal
(2)moh teen(2), shaw(2)-
(2)yeo yeo(3), (1)haang-
(3)loh.
67. (2)Kul (2)moh (1)Hadye.
(2)donn-(3)hal (2)yan
(yut(1)-du(3) (3)lan
(3)mut.
68. (2)Kul jerk(3)-(3)us
(3)du(3) (3)mut, (1)haang-
(3)loh faan(1) ook(1)-
kay(2).
69. (2)Kul yut(1)-(3)loh
(1)haang, yut(1)-(3)loh
hut(1) (2)yeo (3)hal.
70. (2)Kul (1)haang-gwaw(2)
gay(2)-gay(3). (2)lal-
haang(3) gum(3)-(3)noy.
71. (2)Kul (1)lal-doh(3)
Gau(2)-(1)loong.
72. (2)Kul serng(2) gwaw(3)-
(2)Kul (1)haang(1)-gong(2).
(2)Kul (2)moh teen(2).
73. (2)Kul (1)haang-gwaw(2)
swaw(3)-hoy(2) (3)lan
(2)yeo (3)m gwaw(3).
(2)Kul (1)lal.
74. (2)Kul (1)lal-geen(3)
Gau(2)-(1)loong (2)yan
hoh(2)-dow(1) (2)yeo
(3)lan.
75. (2)Kul serng(2) (3)maye
(2)yeo (3)hal. (3)dan-
(3)hal (3)moh teen(2).
76. (2)Kul (3)yan (3)gwocoy
(3)lan (3)loh (3)ngaw.
(2)Kul (3)lan-hal(3).
77. (2)Kul (3)lan-hal(3).
78. Gau(3) (3)lan (3)lan
(1)haang-gwaw(3) (3)loh(1)
(3) (3)lan (3)lan.

Propaganda battle

A "battle" to keep Britain in the eyes of the world—especially in the eyes of the Eastern World—is reported by our correspondent Ritchie McEwen in Vienna.
The battle began 18 months ago when the British Information Centre in Bucharest decided to use the Centre's garden for publicly staged displays and notice board announcements. The Centre was erected just inside the garden railings, and the displays presented a series of displays representing the British way of life included pictures of the BIF exhibition, Colonial Development, the General Election, and photographs of life in the Royal Navy and the RAF.
Immediately the Russian Communist Party in Bucharest showed a "British Colonial Oppression" in vivid pictures and other faked displays. Through-out last summer and winter the propaganda battle continued.
When the British displays were flooded, the Communist displays were not only flooded but were replaced by larger and better ones. When the Communists decked their boards with red paint the British replied with bright blue borders.
Soon the Communists were losing the "battle." For every passer-by who stopped at the "Red" boards, six crowded round the British display.
In final angered retaliation the Communist Gestapo joined in. Secret Police cars cruised round the British Centre collecting "evidence" against the British. Now the Rumanian Government has officially banned the British Centre, and Bucharest has lost her "Window on the World."

"WHAT IS IT?"

An object in the "What is it?" category is worrying American naturalists.
The object—whatever it is—was washed up on one of Oregon's remote beaches recently and even the experts cannot find a name for it.
Biologists, sightseers, whalers and deep-sea fishermen have all measured, poked, prodded and gazed in wonder at the 1,000 lb. of marine flesh washed up by the Pacific ocean. Photographs have been published in newspapers and natural history magazines throughout the country but the only information given is that the monster has a 10-ft. protruding from a 6-ft. long body.
According to some reports as many as half a dozen tails "radiate" from the body; but the photographs only show one.
Above a dinner-plate size mouth in what appears to be the head are two narrow slits—presumably the eyesockets. All this is speculation, however. To try and get at the facts, writes Kay Murray, biologist from the University of Washington have travelled to the monster and set up their microscopes nearby. At present, however, they still cannot make head or tail of the mystery.

TITO'S NEED FOR AMERICA

Lisbon, April 30.
Dr. Vlado Staklo, member of the Yugoslav Agrarian Party, said today that the United States will soon be able to influence the political trend in Yugoslavia because Marshall Tito needs the help and protection of the United States.
Dr. Staklo, who stopped here briefly en route by plane to Rome from South Africa, where he has lived for many years, said there is no possibility of closing the breach between Tito and the Cominform.—United Press.

TAIPEH ARREST

Taipei, May 1.
Twenty-five persons, including a suspected Communist spy, were arrested in Taipei during a census check-up held between midnight on Saturday and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The authorities here announced.
Altogether 8,000 persons, they added, were found to have changed their addresses without reporting to the police regulations require.—Associated Press.

DACHAU MEMORIAL

Dachau, April 30.
About 3,000 people, many of them survivors of the Dachau Nazi concentration camp, today watched the laying of the foundation stone of a memorial to the 28,000 people who died in the gas chambers there.
The flags of 32 nations flew where the mass graves of the Nazi victims lay interred among the hills. Eight American planes flew overhead, saluting the victims.—Reuter.

Manila, May 1.
Seven houses were destroyed and 18 others damaged last night in a \$100,000 fire at Alifan City, which adjoins Manila's Southern outskirts. No one was reported injured. The fire started in a bazaar and its cause was not immediately determined.—Associated Press.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

U.S. INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS BOOMING

New York, April 30.

The spring boom in business and industry was given strong support by record high steel production and excellent operating rates in other key lines this week.

There was even a modest pick-up in retail trade—the softest spot in the national economy since the somewhat disappointing Easter season.

Business in stores registered a slight increase over the previous week and came nearer to volume at this time last year than in any recent week.

Wholesale buying was a sustaining influence, especially in so-called hard goods. Interest remained high in television sets; house furnishing and appliances to go into the record number of new homes that are being outfitted these days.

The employment picture brightened appreciably with the opening of various seasonal lines of work.

Stocks and bonds were unsettled but never lost their hold on the advancing side very long. Dividend payments ran strongly in favour of the owners of stocks, and earnings reports gave new evidence of the extraordinary volume of business done in the first quarter.

The week was not without its unfavourable developments for business.

Price advances

There was a definite turn for the worse in labour relations. The Chrysler strike went on with its terrible loss to both sides and highly disturbing situations developed in the communications and transportation fields.

Business sentiment was further perturbed by a sudden advance in prices of a wide variety of things, especially at the one known for certain what caused these increases at a time when competition is extremely keen.

All this added up to more deficit financing when tax collections were falling considerably behind what the Treasury expects figured. It raised the possibility that inflation may again become an important factor in the national economy.

Brightest star on the business chart this week the record high steel output—the second week in a row that mills have turned out more product than ever before for or war.

The operating rate was 100.3 per cent of capacity against 100.0 last week and 97.5 a year ago.

Stock Market

Freight car loadings were ahead of the preceding week at 22,041 but fell behind last year's 709,347 due mostly to a late start of iron ore movement in the Great Lakes area because of bad weather.

Car production was again at exceptionally high levels considering the fact that Chrysler was still out on strike—now more than three months old.

The stock market had a fretful week of rises and declines. Aircraft stocks responded generously to the increased Government appropriation news.

Newspaper proprietors gathered in New York this week for their annual conference. They reported generally good business conditions in the United States and intense interest in world politics and an eagerness for peace and return to normalcy.

INDO-PAKISTANI TRADE TALKS

New Delhi, April 30.

The newspaper The Statesman, in a special report, says that trade talks between India and Pakistan are likely to be resumed in next week to examine the possibility of extending the recent agreement.

Trade possibilities for cotton and coal will be discussed. Further discussions will also take place on Pakistan's offer to India of 150,000 tons of wheat.

Pakistan is stated to have about 300,000 tons of surplus wheat.

SHIP HITS MINE

Rotterdam, April 30.

The Panamanian steamer Canopus, 5,138 tons, belonging to the Sociedad Transoceanica Canopus of Pampam, struck a mine on Sunday between the islands Ameland and Vlieland off the Dutch North coast, according to a Dutch news agency here.

A violent explosion followed. The steamer appealed for immediate help. The Canopus was built in 1944. Associated Press.

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"BENARTY"	Genoa, Le Havre, London & Hamburg	10th June
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Trans-Pacific record claim by freighter

San Francisco, April 30.

What may be the fastest Pacific crossing by a freighter from Yokohama to San Francisco was claimed by the Pacific Transport Line.

The big white ship had an elapsed time of 10 days 1 hour 42 minutes from Yokohama breakwater to the San Francisco Highship. The vessel arrived here on Thursday.

Waterfront observers can recall no faster passage by a cargo vessel. Associated Press.

Cunard's taxation complaint

London, April 30.

High taxation is endangering the shipbuilding plans of the Cunard Steamship Company, Sir Frederick A. Bates, company chairman, said in a statement last night.

His observations are a part of the company's annual report, to be issued on Monday.

In the years 1947-48, Cunard's tax bill was £10,036,449; a sum, Sir Frederick called too heavy a drain on resources if ships are to be replaced. Cunard dividends for the year were £503,000.

"For the tax authority to exact so much for Government spending on such a little regard for tonnage replacement is akin to bid housekeeping," Sir Frederick Bates said.

"It would give confidence for new building contracts if we could charge on our accounts before taxation a reserve on a basis necessary for replacement," he added. Associated Press.

Money Market

There was a big drop in US dollars over the week-end, and the market reopened yesterday with figures substantially below those of last week.

Notes opened at HK\$0.08, gaining three points after lunch, and closing at \$6.00.

AT opened at HK\$8.11, and closed at \$8.13.

Sterling was stationary at HK\$15.70.

Australian pounds opened at HK\$12.53 and closed two cents higher.

Plastros were nominal at HK\$12 a 100.

Ticals at HK\$30.50 were unchanged from last week.

NEI Guilders were nominal at HK\$4 a 100.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN ITALY

Rome, April 30.

Enrico R. Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, has expressed the Bank's interest in a 10-year plan to develop Southern Italy.

Mr. Black, who arrived on Saturday with Premier Alcide De Gasperi and other Italian Government leaders, disclosed that the Bank has made a preliminary examination of the Italian project with the object of granting loans.

Italy's Parliament will soon begin to debate a bill to create an autonomous Treasury Office to direct the development scheme. Associated Press.

PAKISTAN TRADE DELEGATION IN GERMANY

Wiesbaden, April 30.

A Pakistan trade delegation of 10 men and three women were accorded a State reception here today by the Hessian state Government.

The delegation plan to visit the Ruhr and other industrial centres to find a mutual basis for increasing Pakistan-West German trade.

The party, which arrived in Frankfurt on Saturday night, after visits to Italy and Switzerland, will leave for Bonn a week for talks with German officials.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees For
s.s. "BENNEVIS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on May 4, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after May 5, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before May 10, 1950, or they will not be recognised or they will not be recognised or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD.
Agents
Hong Kong, April 30, 1950.

